

**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.**

6 July

Yewjin Tan - physiotherapist, tramper and climber, will talk about prevention of injuries

13 July

Mami and William Lucas will tell us about their travels in Japan

20 July

An "Informal Evening" to allow the clubrooms to be prepared for a full repaint over the coming weekend.

27 July

Gordon Tocher will talk on kayaking Doubtful Sound

3 August

Ran Turner will give us "The Hikers Guide to the Galaxy"

Any ideas, and contact names in particular, are welcome for the Thursday evening activities. Please contact Fiona Webster (Social Convenor) at "fionaw@tekotago.ac.nz", or 487 8176 if you can help.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

As I write this we are approaching the shortest day – not long now until those summer tramping days return! Even though we are now definitely into winter, we are still getting out and doing what the OTMC does best – tramps! Early May saw 26 people participating on the club trip to the Kepler Track, including three generations of one family. In all 22 people went over the tops, nine completed the track entirely with five of those being on the two day option. My thanks go to Ann for a well-planned and executed trip. Queen's Birthday Weekend saw the club visiting the Rees and Dart valleys and with 18 people on the trip we attained the largest number on a Queen's Birthday for many years. Although the weather could've been kinder, conditions were favourable to anyone wishing to complete the Rees/Dart circuit. The trip to the West Matukituki closed with 20 people on it, so, in general, numbers appear to be increasing as we trudge our way through the winter months.

As you will read further on, our membership numbers continue to rise and we are currently experiencing the highest membership numbers for some time. Additionally, a large percentage of this year's Bushcraft participants have joined us and I welcome all of you to the OTMC – I hope you can continue enjoying tramping with the OTMC.

Fiona continues to perform an incredible job as our Social Convener – the social programme is complete to mid-September. As an aside, the most recent BYO failed, not because of a lack of material, but rather a lack of technology to play it on. The Committee is aware of this and is looking at the possibility of acquiring a cheap (free?) computer that will display photos. Additionally, we plan to have a backup plan in place should this happen again.

The Committee continues to make progress on several key projects already underway. Firstly, the Leaning Lodge Trust is about to be legally established, meaning that the OTMC can pass on to the Trust the generous donations given to us for the imminent reconstruction of Leaning Lodge. If you are keen to visit Leaning Lodge one more time in its current condition then I urge you to join Ray's trip on July 29/30. You will have a little work to do, but there will be no hut fees to pay and you will be assisting a very worthy cause.

Another project the Committee is keen to finish is the 'Clouds of Leith' Sky-line Walkway. The Committee and Peter Mason have a written agreement that covers the remainder of work to be done to reach the completion of the track, with a final date of construction being 31 December, 2006.

Finally, as you will read in this issue, the Department of Conservation has written to the OTMC outlining their plans for huts within the Silver Peaks Scenic Reserve. The Committee has endorsed DoC's plans and looks forward to the new hut in Cave Stream opening in April 2007.

Regards
Antony Pettinger

Membership

Another very pleasing list of new members this month:

Katie Elliott, 61 Rosebery St, 453 0468;

Harry Griffiths, 21 Cawdor Pl, 454 3893;

Wendy Harrex, Box 94 Waitati, 482 1399;

Trevor Mason, Moturata Rd, Taieri Beach, RD1 Brighton, 481 1125
(Postal member);

Philip Matthews 182 Brockville Rd, 476 3688 (rejoining after a year
away);

Richard & Camilla Bennett, 24 Stansfield St, 453 5551.

We are sorry to record the death of Philip McSweeney, Alan Thomson's
business partner, who has been a postal member for the past 4 years.
Sue McAllister, Laurie Parker (Bushcraft 1990), Jacqui King (who was our
Secretary for 4 years), and Len Davies of Hamilton who joined before our
current records start in 1954, have decided not to renew their membership.
Len writes that he is not able to read his Bulletin now, but has enjoyed all
his years with the Club. We wish all four the best for their future.
The FMC membership cards have just arrived, so as soon as full members
pay their new sub, as well as getting their OTMC cards, they'll get their
FMC ones too.

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Membership Secretary

And just in case you need further proof that the human race is doomed because of
stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods.

On a bag of Chips: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.
(The shoplifter special?)

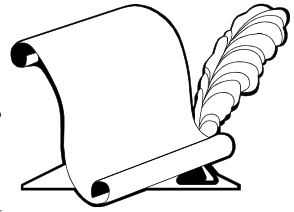
On Nanna's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom): "Do not turn upside down".
(Well...duh, a bit late, huh!)

On packaging for a K-Mart iron: "Do not iron clothes on body". (But wouldn't this
save me more time?)

(To be continued)

Dear Editor,

Re the trip report on the Green Lake Trips, page 9,
May Bulletin, 2006.



This was a tramp my husband, Gordon, and I took our five children on quite a few years ago. It was a memorable trip for the views we enjoyed from the saddle where we camped for two nights in a small patch of bush. The view of Green Lake well down below us was magnificent.

However, at the end of the account of the Club's recent trip into this beautiful area, the whole tone was spoilt by the unnecessary, unpleasant, expletive comment at the end.

Yours sincerely,
Marie C McDonald (Life Member)

Ruth Mess

Ruth, born in Southland, later lived and did accounting work in Wellington where she became an active and very fit member of the Tararua Tramping Club - away to the hills almost every weekend. At the end of the war, her marriage to Englishman Derrick Mess in Dunedin began their many-year membership of the Otago Tramping Club and the Otago Section of the NZ Alpine Club. Later, joined by their children, Julian and Jocelyn, they became very regular members of the Family Tramping Group, joining in the main camps and extended trips for many years.

Derrick died in 1994, and Ruth died at Easter aged 94. She still had an alert mind and memory, and as a member of OTMC, enjoyed receiving our monthly Bulletin and annual Outdoors.

Beth Larkins (long-time friend of Ruth, and previous OTMC member)

JUBILEE HUT

SILVERPEAKS SCENIC RESERVE

At the June meeting of the Committee we received a letter from Bill Wheeler of the Department of Conservation (Programme Manager – Visitor Assets).

To summarise, two years ago DoC met with the OTMC, NZ Land SAR and the Rotary Club to discuss the future of huts in the Silverpeaks. DoC's Recreation Opportunities Review had previously identified the need for a new hut as an overnight destination to replace the 'current range of dilapidated huts' (DoC's description!).

Further to this meeting the OTMC held a general meeting (on 24 June 2004) to discuss the situation of club huts, in particular Jubilee and Yellow Hut in the Silver Peaks. This meeting strongly supported the retention of a hut in the Cave Stream catchment. The long term retention of Yellow Hut was not seen as desirable given its poor condition.

DoC are now (June 2006) proposing to construct a new hut to replace Jubilee Hut. A site has been selected more or less across the stream from the current Jubilee (on the true left) and approximately 100m above it. This is a very nice terrace, void of scrub and facing north. This will mean the hut won't become hemmed in by surrounding vegetation and will have a sunnier outlook.

The proposed hut would be a basic DoC standard 6 bunk hut, with a water tank and adjacent toilet but no form of heating. DoC have funding in place and are planning construction to take place over the summer with a tentative opening date of 1 April 2007 (the 20th Anniversary of DoC).

The hut will become a single destination hut, meaning that DoC will remove the current Jubilee Hut and Yellow Hut (at their expense). The current site of Jubilee is becoming quite overgrown and damp due to the rise in vegetation cover since the area was de-stocked. Any other unofficial huts in the Silver Peaks will also be removed, except for Possum Hut which will be retained for historic reasons.

The Committee has supported DoC, both on the design and location of the new hut, as well as agreeing to the removal of Jubilee and Yellow Huts. This is in agreement with the outcome of the 2004 general meeting.

As Jubilee Hut has been a strong and tangible link to the OTC/OTMC's past (the hut was built for the 25th Jubilee of the Otago Tramping Club) I would personally hope that some recognition of this link can be incorporated within the new hut.

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The 2005/06 Committee year is fast running out with the Annual General Meeting being held on 31 August.

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Anyone who is interested in assisting with the running of the club is invited to consider standing for Committee. The positions available are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Guide and seven committee members.

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Committee members are normally appointed roles such as membership, day trips, social, editor etc, although these can also be carried out from outside the committee. This is a great way to contribute to the ongoing success of the club and can be very rewarding.

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Nomination forms are available from the clubrooms, our Secretary, Heather Deason, or you can download one from the OTMC website (downloads page).

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Gift of ice-climbing tools

Dr Alison Lane, who worked in Dunedin recently for the Otago Regional Council, has donated three ice-climbing tools to the OTMC gear hire.

These axes/hammers have seen a bit of use but are still perfectly good for helping our members get a taste of ice work without having to commit themselves immediately to buying their own gear. There will be a small hire charge, to be announced by Greg Powell and the Committee.

Alison would love to know that they are getting some use and inspiring new people into more challenging climbing. She enjoyed her brief involvement with the OTMC and wishes us well. She is now living in Wellington, working with Maritime NZ.

The Club has asked me to thank her very much for her kindness and to wish her all the best for her future.

Richard Pettinger on behalf of the Club

Trip Reports

The Three Passes Harman – Whitehorn – Browning Easter 14 – 17 April Terry Duffield and Pam McKelvey

I guess the most amazing aspect of this trip is how it ever got off the ground in the first place. The original idea was immediately in jeopardy when the trip list was populated by keen trampers fresh from Bushcraft but lacking the experience for a trip of this scale. I cast about for alternatives, briefly considering Mingha – Lake Mavis – Tarahuna Pass – Otehake River – Hot Springs – Lake Kaurapataka – Aikens (but rejecting this again based on experience level), and finally settled on the Mingha - Deception (with Lake Mavis option) with a possible extension past Lake Kaurapataka to the hot springs in the Otehake River and back to Aickens corner.

Pam, however was not at all interested in this option, having done the trip some years before, and suggested a solution to the logistics problem of the three passes trip by having her partner drive across to Hokitika and pick us up on the Monday afternoon - (what an obliging fellow!) Now, with Michael Foley and Steffan Rolfe agreeing to co-lead the Mingha – Deception trip we were back in business – The Three Passes Trip was on!!

The high-pressure system, which I had ordered specifically for the weekend, began making its way over the country on Thursday afternoon. We left the clubrooms before six and were settled into Klondyke Corner Shelter by midnight under the bright light of a beautiful full moon. On the way we had been treated to the rare pleasure of a scientific treatise on the collection and analysis of elephant mucus for the study of pheromones (had to be national radio). One minor disaster – the 750ml bottle of green ginger wine, which I had transferred into a Mizone water bottle, had entirely emptied into the contents of my pack.... but, by a stroke of good fortune had been almost completely absorbed by my Mountain Tech Jacket. (An enterprising businessman should introduce this fabric to Libbra to produce the ultimate panty shield!) I left it outside the shelter on a table where it attracted the nocturnal attention of a soon-tipsy possum.

Good Friday: We drove with the others to the start of the Mingha – Deception track, then went to the visitor centre to fill out the intentions forms, have a coffee and replenish my supply of recreational alcohol (a small bottle of Coruba). We set off up the Waimakariri in bright sunshine, smelling vaguely of fermented ginger, and made Carrington Hut in 3.5 hours for lunch before the three-hour grunt up to Harman Pass. From our vantage point by Ariels Tarns the slope of Whitehorn Pass appeared daunting. Also on the pass were three other guys intent on completing the three passes trip by Sunday afternoon, a couple

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bivvying over the ridge and another trumper heading north to the Taipo River. We set up the tent and had a comfy kea-free night.

9:30 was our planned start time the next morning (to allow our neighbors plenty of time to make steps for us to follow) and we were pleasantly surprised to find the slope much more moderate than anticipated. Snow coverage on the pass was high and the western slopes steep. After one unintentional slide and self-arrest, I thought I may as well get some practice in and continued down in the same manner. We made our way down valley via the river and discovered later that travel on the terraces was marginally better (we were overtaken by the Senior Citizens Tramping Club while we stopped for lunch and a brew). The route from above the gorge to Park/Morpeth Hut was well marked with poles. The hut and surrounds were a tad congested and as Pam turned out to be a snorephobe we pitched our tent down by the river. To our right, up the Wilberforce, was what can only be described as a mountain with a little notch in the top – Browning pass! Hard to believe they drove sheep over it in the 1860's – I assume they lost more than a few!

It didn't take long for my bright orange tent to attract the unwanted attentions of a lone kea, and no amount of hurled rocks or abuse would drive the sod away. Just before dawn he was joined by another eight of the winged bandits so with one thing or another I didn't get much sleep. We were expecting a longish day to Grassy Flats so I guess the keas did us a favour by giving us an early morning call. One cheeky bugger stole Pam's glove and flapped off over the river, necessitating a two-pronged assault to retrieve it.

Browning pass was just as steep as it looks from a distance, at least near the top, but we were up and through the notch in a little over two hours. Unfortunately the sky had clouded over and rain was threatening for the afternoon, otherwise I might have been tempted with a quick dip in lake Browning. Foregoing that dubious pleasure we made good time down the easy trail which threaded its way between the bluffs, gorges and waterfalls on the far side. We had a leisurely lunch at Harman Hut then tackled the bridge over the river Harman. This is perhaps 100 ft across and at least 150 ft down, and accessed by a rope-assisted rock climb – not for the faint hearted. (I'm told a stainless steel ladder is planned for the near future.) A last bit of uphill and we descended to the Muddy Flats turnoff and the boggy Styx Saddle. This was so bad in one place that the marker pole had just about disappeared under the slime.

Grassy Flats Hut; Pam had correctly located the turnoff again (her being right most of the time was getting a bit annoying!) and yet again the hut was packed. We had the bivvying couple we had shared Harman Pass with, another contingent from the Senior Citizens Tramping Club (eight) who had made the trip to Lake Browning but lacked sufficient gear to confidently make the descent) and three women from Westport who had balked at Harman Bridge and turned back. Time to pitch the tent again. We used the hut for cooking and drying, then spent a drizzly but comfy night tenting on the flats.

Day four was a straightforward but varied and interesting trip down the Styx to the road end at Lake Kaniere. Lots of river crossings, some steep sidling sections but mostly good well formed tracks, made this a fast but not boring walk and we even passed a kayak club making their way up the lower reaches with their boats on their backs (have to be keen for that sort of carry on). An hour later and tucking into a restoring bottle of Guinness, the

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odd moments of hardship were already fading to a dim memory. Time to go home. My thanks go to John and Pam who made this trip possible and a pleasure.

GPSing the Maungatua Traverse

Seven hardy souls turned up for the 11 June daytrip. This was a good turn out, given a very doubtful weather forecast. A southerly front had been predicted all week and chances were it was going to be a very wet day. With four cars we had the luxury of leaving two cars at each end of the range. We made sure everybody was well equipped for a change in the weather. We started from Munro Road on the theory the southerly may blow us over the top. Also, the southern end of the mountains has fence lines and farm tracks so it is not as easy to get lost.

Working with the data I've collected with my GPS, I've attempted to accurately predict travelling times tramping in the Silver Peaks. I calculated it was going to take us six hours at slightly overweight balding lawyer (SOBL) speed. Given it was going to get dark at 5 pm, we agreed to not take a lunch stop. We left Munro Road at 10 am and found a good track through the gorse above Wesleydale Camp. The three tracks up Maungatua all have short, high maintenance sections at bush line where gorse, bracken and broom can quickly close the tracks.

At Trig F we had good views to the west of Lake Mahinerangi, the Blue Mountains and the Rock and Pillar. We followed the fence line over the top through the dracophyllum scrub. There was still evidence of damage by motor bikes along the fence line. We read aloud and with feeling, the ODT article 12 August 2003 "Recce turns to rehearsal for SAR adviser". We debated with Phil the need for the comma in the rather unfortunate phrase "We've had a very thorough run through, though."

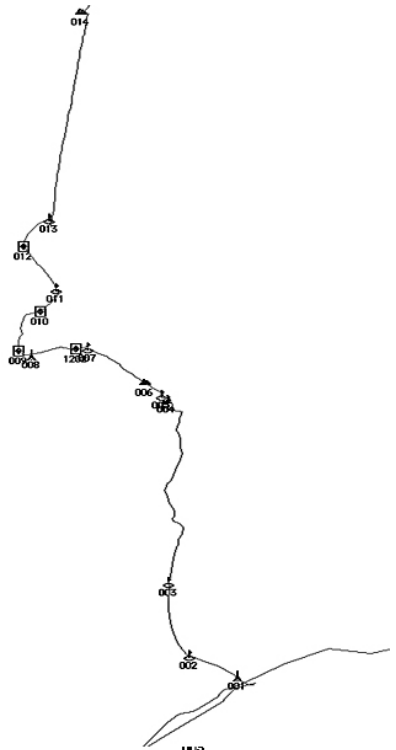
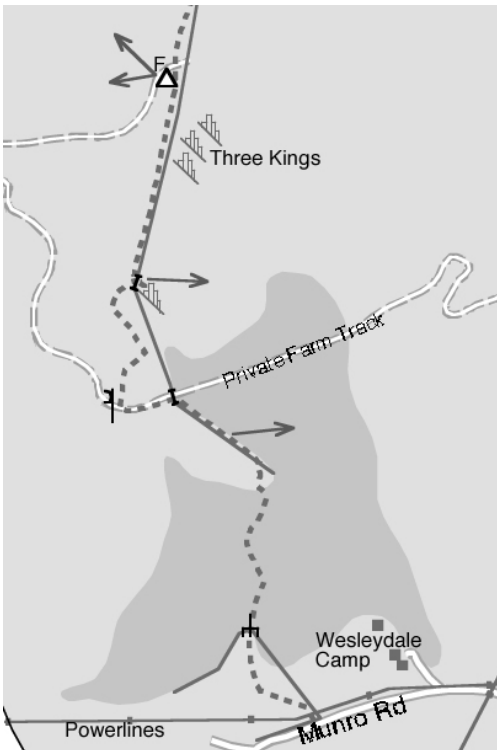
There is no track down the north eastern spur but there are occasional animal tracks, however, these come and go. The size of the tussocks on the spur make for slow going. The top of the route down to Grainger Road is marked with waratahs. At the bush line above Woodside Glen my brother arrived wielding an umbrella. It started to rain heavily just as we entered the bush. There is a new slip on the track at the water race which some members of the party floundered around in for a while. We were at Woodside Glen and getting into the cars at 4 pm. I was pleased the SOBL calculation had worked and the times I have collected seem to reflect the times for a M/F group.

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During the last two years I have used my GPS to collect information to make the maps for my new Dunedin guide book, which I hope to publish by the end of 2007. I have only used the GPS a couple of times for actual navigation, despite the manual saying navigation is the main use of a GPS. As a result of discussions with SAR and a number of other people, I am looking at creating track and way-point data files for the tramping tracks in the Dunedin area which are described in the new guide book. The data would be designed to be downloaded into a GPS and then the GPS can be used to assist in navigation. If anybody is interested in receiving some test versions of this data email me at antony@bondlaw.co.nz. I am trying to format the data so that it can be used by a wide range of GPS models. I note the Canterbury Tramping Club provides GPS track data on its web site for some of its trips. My primary tool for navigation is still a map. GPS need to get cheaper, consume less batteries and have bigger screens before they can match a piece of paper.

Antony Hamel for Jill Dodd Gavin McCarthur, Roy Ward, Megan and Phil Somerville and Browyn Strang



DART / REES CIRCUIT QUEENS BIRTHDAY JUNE 3-5

It took just three minutes for Barry to receive his first clip around the ear for being cheeky. Thus the mood for the trip was set. Our plan from the outset was to complete the Rees / Dart during the club trip to the Rees at Queen's Birthday. As the trip list closed we decided to travel up the Dart first with the intention of getting to Dart Hut on Saturday. This meant that we would get the one required big-gish day out of the way first, then we would be able to enjoy a leisurely trip up the Snowy and down the Rees.

Getting up at 5am at the Glenorchy Camp on Saturday meant we were on the track at Chinamans Bluff by 7am, heading for Dalleys Hut in the dark. You could sense the grand scenery across the open Dart Valley, but of course none could be seen. For Barry, Matt and I this was the first time we had set out to do the circuit, but Ann was a veteran, this being her third visit. As the day lightened we could see that the forecast was not quite right – although it wasn't raining, a light mist hung down quite low over the valley, creating a surreal feel to the whole area.

In true Barry fashion, he soon zoomed in on a pretty good bush shirt beside the track – another item for his ever-growing 'acquired' wardrobe. As we approached Dalleys Hut the light mist gave way to light rain, and as we were having lunch in the hut the rain became decidedly heavier. Still, our plan was to make it to Dart Hut so we donned our coats and ventured out. About an hour from the hut Matt declared optimistically the nearby rock biv was the halfway point to Dart Hut. Ann decided to believe him to keep her spirits up – more fool her! About halfway along Cattle Flat (which is everything but flat) we came across the real halfway biv, although we didn't visit it, but continued across the remainder of the (non) flat and on to the gentle (according to DoC) climb to Dart Hut. We were glad it wasn't described as steep as we clamboured up and into the darkness again. Soon enough we were at the sidetrack to the Whitbourn Valley where we dutifully read out the remaining time to Ann (30-45min). Tiredness was starting to set in and, when we hadn't reached Dart Hut in 30 minutes, Ann was looking to throttle the person who misread the sign to her. Fortunately we were saved by coming across the verandah of the hut. The trip to Dart Hut had taken us 11 and a half hours including lunch. A warm fire and a late tea saw us quite content in the well designed hut.

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It rained heavily during the night, but only light rain greeted us in the morning. The Dart and Snowy Rivers both appeared to be at their normal levels so we planned to travel to Shelter Rock Hut in the Rees. We knew the upper bridge across the Snowy had been removed for the winter but we figured we would be able to cross the river anyhow. In the event that we couldn't, we knew we still had enough time to retreat back down the Dart. We set off from Dart Hut in improving weather; in fact there were copious amounts of blue sky back down the Dart. The track up to Dart Hut had been virtually 'great walk' standard, now the track up the Snowy was a pleasant 'route' grade track. In time we arrived at the crossing of the Snowy. It turned out to be a piece of cake, you could easily jump across two large rocks or partake in a short paddle. The track from here climbs steeply for a while and then crosses above a tarn before the final swing up to Rees Saddle. The Snowy was spectacular, particularly the mist-shrouded ice in the river itself. Unfortunately the view from the saddle was nil so we quickly headed down to Shelter Rock Hut. During the afternoon the skies cleared, promising a good frost that night.

We were away at 7.50 am on Monday, headed for Muddy Creek. The day was awesome, not a cloud in the sky. It wasn't long until we were down at Slip Flat, and then finally into the sun just below the park boundary. A pleasant wander down the Rees, crossing the river as required, saw us at the road-end by 1 pm. Earnslaw was looking spectacular, as were the Forbes Mountains at the head of the Hunter. After dropping off Trevor's car to him in the Dart we enjoyed a late lunch in Glenorchy. So ended an incredible trip, my thanks to my companions for making it so.

Antony Pettinger for Ann Burton, Barry Atkinson and Matt Corbett.

More consumer goods instructions:-

On a Japanese food processor: "Not to be used for the other use". (Now, somebody out there, help me on this. I'm a bit curious.)

This is a good product for OTMC use: "For indoor or outdoor use only". (As opposed to...what?)

I don't blame the company, I blame the parents for this one: On a child's superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly".

On a Swedish chainsaw: "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals". (Was there a lot of this happening somewhere?)

TripList

CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

(Information for the Winter Routeburn and Tranz Alpine trips were in the June Bulletin)

Leaning Lodge / Rock and Pillar Range (All)

July 29/30

Ray McAliece 455 6740

As you will be aware, Leaning Lodge is about to receive a complete make-over. Ray has advanced plans for the renovation of Leaning Lodge and is knocking bits of wood together in town as you read this. This trip is planned as a combined tramping trip with a workparty thrown in. The OTMC acquired Leaning Lodge primarily for its use in winter, and with snow below the hut level, now is a great time to visit this iconic hut. Ray plans to completely enclose the current hut with the new structure and then remove the original hut, so this may well be the last time you will see Leaning Lodge as it is now. Apart from helping out with some of the work, there is the opportunity to visit the tops of the Rock and Pillars and maybe even check out the work being done at Big Hut, another former tramping club hut. On a clear and sunny day you would be hard pushed to find a more impressive outlook over the Strath Taieri.

This trip will close on July 20.

Snowcraft 2006 (Iceaxe and Crampons) (I)

August 26-27

Matt Corbett 487 6595

The OTMC Snowcraft weekend is designed as a basic introduction to trav-

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elling on snow and the use of iceaxe and crampons. All trampers who venture out into the hills over the winter months should have the basic concept of iceaxe use well practised – controlling an unplanned slide by self arresting is the only way to stop your descent. This weekend will concentrate mainly on travelling on snow and how to use an iceaxe effectively. Conditions allowing, crampon use will also be covered and practised. At this stage the location for the course has not been decided (as I write this, anywhere in North Otago/South Canterbury would be suitable) but we generally will try for a skifield which gives good access to the snow.

There will be a theory evening meeting prior to the weekend.

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Contributions (limit of 1000 words) are welcome for the August Bulletin, deadline is 14/7/06, publication 27/7/06. You can submit material on floppy disc (PC not Mac please); email 'rbell@pooka.otago.ac.nz' or 'rebell@extra.co.nz'; or post to Robyn Bell, 8 Roy Crescent, Concord, Dunedin. Thanks.

DAYTRIPS

Visiting of Ancient Establishments Part deux, (Take 2) Sat 1st July

We'll be leaving at 10 am from the clubrooms and visiting some of the Ancient Establishments between Dunedin and Clyde, where we will have dinner. \$40 approx. for the bus (plus incidentals of course), will be heaps of fun. Numbers are limited (20) so sign the trip list now.

For more info please see me on Thursdays at the Club or phone me.

Leader: Wolfgang ("*Honorary OTMC Cheerleader*"! Ed) 453 1155

Raingauge Spur / Steve Amies Track (M) 9 July

We park at Whare Flat carpark and follow the Powder Creek and Racemans tracks to the top weir, then ascend Raingauge Spur to Swampy Summit. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us for some good views before we descend down the Steve Amies Track.

Be prepared for some water hopping (the bridge at the pump house was damaged during recent floods and there are two other river crossings) and it could be cold up on Swampy.

A good day to exercise your corpuscles with friends!

Leader: Ran Turner 473 8652

Karitane / Huriawa Pa (E) 16 July

This daytrip is full of both history and wonderful scenery. We will see where Truby King (medical superintendent at Seacliff and innovator of mental patient and baby care) lived, a Maori Pa site, two blow holes, excellent views of

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the entire Karitane Peninsula, and a cemetery for both Maori and Pakeha. We leave the clubrooms at the usual 9 am and carpool 40 km north to Karitane. The walk is approx 2 km long and will take an hour. At times the track goes near the top of some steep cliff faces, so any children will need to be closely supervised. We can stop at a coffee shop or for icecreams on the way home. Car pool cost \$10.

(This trip is dependant on safe travel over the Kilmog. If conditions look dubious, come to the clubrooms anyway and we'll do Plan B.)

Leader: Robyn Bell 488 2420

Sutton Salt Lake 23 July

An easy walk around New Zealand's only inland salt lake amidst that distinctive Central Otago schist landscape. Leaving the clubrooms at 9 am we will travel to the Sutton Salt Lake Scenic Reserve near Middlemarch. It's a cruisy two hour circuit from the car park and there are some good sheltered spots to stop and boil a billy because the wind is pretty cool up there. Bird spotting is possible in the lake and wetland areas, so bring your binoculars. Trip cost is \$12.

Leader: Carmel Casey 454 4592

Careys Creek (M) 30 July

We meet at the clubrooms at 9 am, then drive to Evansdale. The walk starts up Jones Road to the forestry, then up forestry tracks to Semple Rd below Double Hill. We travel along Semple Rd towards the Silver Peaks until we reach the turn off to Black Dam and Careys Creek, then down the creek through mixed bush to Evansdale and the cars.

We should be back in Dunedin by 4 pm. Carpool cost \$6

Leader: Bill Wilson 477 2282