

**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.**

7 September

Max Quinn will talk on his life as a natural history cameraman, including hunting moose with Ken tustin, monitoring kakapo chicks and trips to the Pole

14 September

B.Y.O. - bring your photos, slides, videos and powerpoint presentations and show us what you've been up to.

21 September

Aarn from Aarn Design has created an innovative new tramping pack. Come and see the design and hear why it works so well.

28 September

"Around the world in 40 minutes" - Fiona's recent travels to UK (and Amsterdam)
(Good to see our Social Convenor leading by example - does she get a bottle of wine too? Ed)

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

Enclosed with this posting is the Annual Report for the OTMC year ending June 2006. Reading through you can see that the club is enjoying a very active period, which reflects well the efforts of those involved with it's running. Also with this Bulletin is a notice about the AGM on August 24. Last year's AGM was pretty tame with virtually no discussion from the floor (with the exception of the Leaning Lodge Trust). This year I urge all attendees to speak their mind – if something is bothering you about the way the club is run, or if there are things we are doing right, let us know. The AGM is the right time to discuss things like club direction, type and destinations of trips, where we should be targeting our club promotion, Bushcraft and a host of other topics. I look forward to an AGM that can give the incoming committee a direction to head in. Whilst I'm writing about the AGM, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for their work over the past year – we have achieved a lot – well done team!

The refurbishment of our club's main room is all but finished and it looks great. The interior of the clubrooms had become rather dated, dark, gloomy and cluttered. We have completely repainted the whole room from the ceiling right down to the skirting. It became more obvious as the new paint went on just how dingy some of the old paint had become, in particular the ceiling. The finishing touch was the carpet, with circumstances coming together pretty quickly and the right price. There is still work to be done, such as the windows. We are now working on new display boards, including the promised metric map wall. Included will be a PC where we will have all the South Island maps available, as well as a collection of photos and trip reports. A second PC will be used with the projector, meaning we won't have a repeat of the evening where the lack of technology let us down. Again, I would like to thank Ann, Terry, Barry and Matt for their efforts in getting to this stage. I would like to especially thank Ray McAliece for the time and effort (and contacts) he has put into this project. The comparatively low cost to the OTMC is due to the work done by these guys. The OTMC is lucky to own our own 'home' – we need to look after it. For those who have missed out on painting, don't worry – we need to do the exterior over summer!

I'm writing this a day before we head away on Wolfgang's Tranz Alpine Expedition. A surprising 37 people are participating which I think is a pretty good result. Wolfgang and I had been discussing a trip of this nature for a couple of years and it is great to see such a large turnout. We had always been concerned about the total cost but with a reasonable discount for the train portion I think it is good value for money. We are just hoping now that the forecast snow fell in the right places and the weather is clear. Read all about it next month!

Antony Pettinger
President

Membership

Deirdre Pim, who resigned last year when she returned to Ireland, is joining us again from there. Her address is 20 Island Rd, Killyleagh, Co.Down, BT309SH, Northern Ireland.

Paul Bingham, Sally Gray, Ruth Harley, Olive Neilson and Peter Sanderson are not renewing their membership.

Jan Piggot has moved to Cromwell. She can be found at Wood Gallery, RD3, Cromwell, 443 8003.

Our last mailing to Daniel List at 1 Glencairn St has been returned to us. Does anyone know where he is now?

Ian Sime
Membership Secretary



EDITOR'S NOTE

This edition of the bulletin has been issued two weeks early to coincide with the posting of the AGM notices. "Normal transmission" will resume next month (ie:- publication date = 28 September)

Flatmate wanted

Non smoking, friendly flatmate for house in Shiel Hill / Waverley area. Close to dairy, bus stop, and only 6km from city centre - gives you a good downhill run into town and a small hill climb on the way home - a perfect way for warming up and keeping fit for tramping.

Phone Diana 454 6486 (h)

Rogaine in the Silverpeaks 23 September

Ex-OTC member Bob Cunningham has invited the OTMC to send teams to this special event to be held in the Silver Peaks and Mt Allan Forest on Saturday 23 September. "Rogaining" is a cross between tramping and orienteering. This one is a long-distance navigation event in conifer forest, tussock country, native beech forest and regenerating scrub.

Teams of 2 minimum and 5 maximum. Probable start times are 8.00 or 8.30 am (12 hour event) and midday (6 hour event).

Entry fees:

Seniors (over 18 yrs) \$25.00 per person

Juniors (18 yrs or less) \$20.00 per person

Family (2 seniors maximum) \$50.00 per family

Entries close Tuesday 12th September, and a discount of 10% applies for entries received by Saturday 2nd September.

Phone Richard or Tracy Pettinger at 487 9488, Roy Ward at 473 9518, or email Bob at signalhill@xtra.co.nz.

Further information and entry forms are available on the NZRA website www.rogaine.org.nz



Trip list

CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

Trip numbers continue to be strong through the winter tramping months, which is nice to see. Although trips may become less ambitious they are still very enjoyable. Winter is a neat time to tramp – snow changes our environment and makes such a contrast to the warmer months.

It is time again to remind everyone of the OTMC policy about weekend trips (although this problem is more prevalent amongst non-members). Running weekend trips can be an expensive and time consuming business for the club, trip leader and chief guide. The club policy is that all names on the trip list when it leaves the clubroom are obliged to pay the trip cost, regardless of whether they go or not. The reason we have this particular policy is to protect the club and its members from financial loss when vans are half empty. The current trip cost means we need to have every seat in the van occupied to break even. The OTMC policy is for everyone to pay prior to the trip (including members!) We are not, however, completely heartless. We accept that there are very genuine reasons why people cannot attend, such as injury, sickness or family matters. If you are unable to go on the trip, write to the OTMC committee, outline your reason and seek a refund. The incoming committee will look at what will happen to those that sign the trip list, don't pay, don't turn up and don't write in. A likely outcome will be a firm policy to refuse these people on future trips and invoice them for the outstanding trip cost.

Another small matter that can be improved on when filling out the trip list – please write neatly. The two most recent trips have both had illegible names and numbers entered on this list. This has meant the leader has had to wait for these people to contact him before he can finalise the party list. *(It is also necessary for Search & Rescue. Ed)*

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Cass / Lagoon Saddle
(Craigieburn Conservation Park) (All)
16 – 17 September
Dave Chambers 454 3857

This is a new destination for an OTMC trip card and is a fantastic location. A group from the club did the Cass / Lagoon Saddle trip as a through trip last September and thoroughly enjoyed it. Situated just out of the Arthurs Pass National Park, this trip has a lot to offer. The entire trip up the Cass, down to Hamilton Hut via the Hamilton River and then over Lagoon Saddle, would be graded as a fit trip by our standards with two longish days, but it is probably the best way to enjoy this trip. For other grades there are two options. The first is to travel up the Cass and camp in the vicinity of Cass Saddle Hut (3 or 4 bunks from memory). From here it is a nice wander up to the saddle. This valley in particular is very reminiscent of the Maitland (Oahu) – patchy beech and lots of erosion.

The second option is to go in the other end and make for hut and shelter near Lagoon Saddle itself. This option has more climbing, hence the views over the adjacent national park - the Waimakiriri and Klondyke Corner are very panoramic. Take note, though, that this end of the track is quite boggy. The through trip itself has a logical stopping place at Hamilton Hut, which breaks the days up evenly. The small lake near Hamilton Hut (marked on the map as 842m) is a recommended short detour. There are photos of this trip on the OTMC website, under 2005 trips.

The trip list will close on September 7.

EVER WONDER WHY

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why you don't ever see the headline: "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Why Doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why you have to click on "Start" to stop Windows 98?

Lake Isobel / Mt. Crichton (All)
Sept 30 - Oct 1
Antony Pettinger 473 7924

A lot of people have been asking where Lake Isobel is, so the signs are encouraging that this trip may be popular. Let's just say that Lake Isobel is not far from Queenstown, but not as far as Glenorchy. The last club trip to the area was in the late 1980's and I can't recall if they made it. The lake itself is at around 1800 m, so it will be a bit of a hike up the untracked creek to get to it. There are no huts in the area, and given the time of the year, camping may be rather chilly. It could be more suitable to day trip to the lake and camp in the vicinity of Lake Dispute.

If Lake Isobel doesn't appeal, there may be an option to complete a Ben Lomond / Bowen Peak / Moke Lake circuit, although this will involve some walking along a 4WD track.

Trip list closes 21 September

Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavour, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

Why the man who invests all your money is called a "Broker"?

Why there isn't mouse flavoured cat food?

Who tastes dog food when it has a "new & improved" flavour?

Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?

Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why they don't make the whole plane out of the material used for the indestructible black box?

Why sheep don't shrink when it rains?

Why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

Why they call the airport "the terminal" if flying is so safe?

These 2 pages have been left blank
due to no trip reports being received this month.....

.....but you've got the AGM notices to read instead!

THE PERFECT SEATBELT



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Contributions (limit of 1000 words) are welcome for the October Bulletin, deadline is 15/9/06, publication 28/9/06. You can submit material on floppy disc (PC not Mac please); email 'rbell@pooka.otago.ac.nz' or 'rebell@xtra.co.nz'; or post to Robyn Bell, 8 Roy Crescent, Concord, Dunedin. Thanks.

DAYTRIPS

NOTE:-

3 of the 4 trips in this Bulletin are changed dates from the tripcard:-
Mopanui / Doctor's Point
Rongamai / Honeycomb
Coast to Coast

Mopanui / Doctor's Point (M) **10 September**

From Doctor's Point you can walk along the foot of the cliffs to Purakanui, on to Mopanui (with superb views from it's 468 m peak), and loop back to Doctor's Point. The tides will determine which part of the loop we start from, and land access will also influence the route taken. Come prepared for sunshine, wind and rain, and binoculars could be useful too. (Don't forget the hot drink!) Carpool is \$6.

Leader: Kathryn Jeyes 455 2473

Rongamai / Honeycomb (M) **17 September**

This was originally scheduled to be the Coast to Coast trip led by Ralph Harvey. However Ralph's trip has now been postponed until 1st October and will replace the Leaning Lodge trip advertised in the current trip list. Please change your trip list card.

The daytrip on 17th September is now the Rongamai / Honeycomb loop starting from Evansdale Glen, taking 4-5 hours, and 10-12 km long. Ex-

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pect mud and stream crossings so boots are recommended. See topomap Dunedin I44.

Usual start time, 9 am at the clubrooms. Trip cost \$5, please bring correct change.

Greg Powell, 454 4828 (evenings), 456 0810 (daytime)

Nicholls / Moon / Swampy (M) 24 September

Come along for a fun wander up an easy track, the Moon Track, past Nicholl's Creek Falls, to the Flagstaff-Swampy track. We'll go onto Swampy then down the Spur track to Leith Saddle and the car(s). Leave the clubrooms 9 am, \$3 transport cost.

Leader: Tracy Pettinger 487 9488

Coast to Coast (E-M) 1 October

We drive to Macandrew Bay, park the cars and walk up Greenacres St until we meet the track leading to Highcliff Rd, along that road towards Dunedin, then down Paradise Track to Boulder Beach. If we have time, we could head along Buskin Rd Track a short distance before returning to Boulder Beach for lunch.

Then along the 4WD track to Braidwood Rd, we follow this until it reaches Seal Point Rd, and down to Sandfly Bay. Back on to Seal Point Rd until we meet Highcliff Rd, then a 15 minute walk to the top of Greenacres Track, and return to Macandrew Bay.

We should arrive between 3 & 3.30 pm, and back to the clubrooms by 4 pm.

Leader: Ralph Harvey 453 4330