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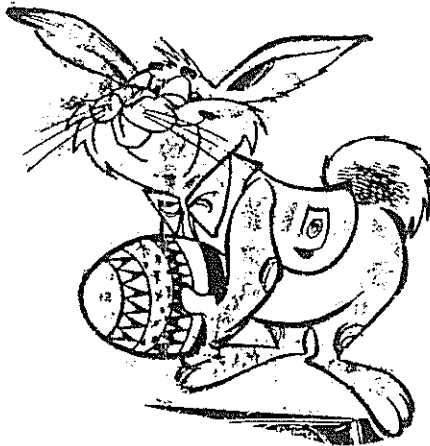
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THE O.T.M.C. MEETS SOCIALLY IN OUR CLUBROOMS, 261 STUART STREET

EVERY THURSDAY AT 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME -30¢ at the door please

HI, Welcome to the March edition..plenty of good reading thanks to all those contributions..KEEP IT UP....

I hate being late with the Bulletin so humble apologies all round.Hopefully we will get back on track next month providing, I can enlist some help....You probably don't know but I have started a new job which takes me out of town heaps and as a consequence I'm not around much...Putting the Bulletin together is neat and I only wish I had some more time so if anyone can help please get in touch...

CHEERS

Jan

P.S Happy Easter ; Happy Tramping !

THE O.T.M.C. TRIP PROGRAMME

MARCH 28-1st April. EASTER Westland.Trip leader-Bruce Mason 67-509.

WHETHER IT'S BATHING IN THE HOT POOLS AT THE COPLAND, SCALING THE ICE FIELDS OF BREWSTER, WANDERING UP THE YOUNG AND THE WILKIN OR ENDURING THE MOZZIES, MUD AND IMPENETRABLE BUSH OF A WESTLAND VALLEY, THIS TRIP HAS GOT SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND IS SUITABLE FOR ALL GRADES.

Transport is going as far as Fox Glacier so parties can get dropped off anywhere on route. So organise your own party, talk it over with Bruce and sign up now 88 8

APRIL 12-13 Mavora Lakes/Eyre Mountains (ALL)

Trip Leader Eric Lord Phone 741-316

WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE AN EASY TRAMP IN THE PICTURESQUE MAVORA LAKES AREA, SOMETHING A BIT MORE STRENUOUS IN THE NEIGHBOURING EYRE MOUNTAINS OR MAYBE JUST A SPOT OF FISHING IN THE LAKE: THIS PROMISES TO BE AN IDEAL WAY TO SPEND A VERY PLEASANT WEEKEND SO CATCH THE LAST OF THE SUMMER SUN AND SIGN UP....

25-27 ANZAC WEEKEND-SNOW I-HOMER AND TRAMPING

Trip Leader-Ewan Paterson 710-594.

AS WELL AS BEING SNOW I, THIS IS ALSO A TRAMPING TRIP. IF YOU MISSED THE OPTIONAL WEEKEND OF BUSHCRAFT OR WANT TO GO BACK TO THIS GREAT AREA, WHY NOT PLAN A THREE DAY TRIP SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TE ANAU AND HOMER, LOTS OF VARIETY AND EVEN THE SANDFLIES MAYBE STARTING TO GET A BIT SLUGGISH BY NOW.

EWAN'S EPISTLE ON SNOW I

The Social Convenor writes 0000000000

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

APRIL 3rd Alister Metherall on his Christmas trip to Fiordland...  
SOUNDS GREAT...

10th Quiz night.....time to get those brains into gear..

17th PRESERVATION INLET ....a chance to get away from it all..

24th B.Y.O.

Another great month planned by the social team..

# FEED-BACK

Congratulations and thanks to Michelle Metherall and her team for doing an excellent job running "Bushcraft 86", The whole course ran very smoothly and I am sure was much appreciated by all who benefited from the high standard of organisation and instruction. Special thanks are due to Spen walker for the Tirohanga weekend, to David Barmes for the Silverpeaks weekend, and all those others who willingly gave of their time and energy to ensure the success of the course. It was a great credit to the Club as a whole and as a result we can look forward to enjoying the company of some new found friends on club trips in the near future.

Mike Flood

JIM FREEMAN WRITES

MAKING

an appeal to any member who may have photos of the west side of Flagstaff taken during the 1960's with a view to establishing the degree of gorse encroachment since that time (ref to me)

Sincerely

Jim Freeman

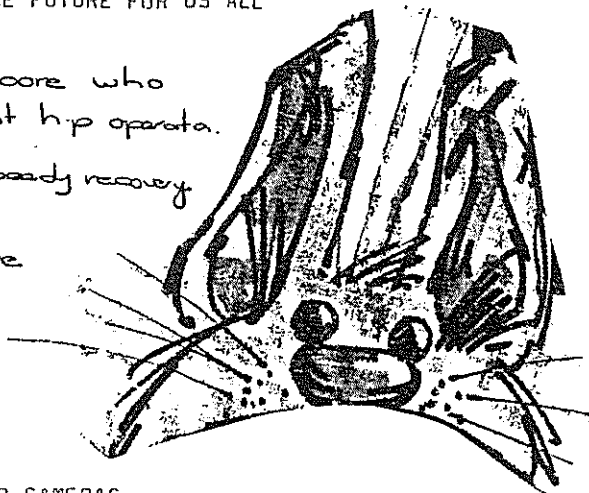
# PEOPLE TALK...

CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG AND GILLEN HORMAN ON THEIR RECENT MARRIAGE.  
BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE FOR US ALL

Best wishes to Ella Moore who  
is recovering for a recent hip operation.

Also best wishes for a speedy recovery  
to George Pearson

The thoughts of us all are  
with you both.



## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

TOKINA 28-85mm Zoom lens  
TO FIT MINOLTA SLR CAMERAS

Monetary crisis forces sale of this superb lens. Zooms from wide-angle  
28mm to 85mm medium telephoto. Good for landscape and portrait shots. Also  
has close-focus ability to enable plant photography

phone Ewan 710 594

OUTDOOR RECREATION GROUP

Bruce Mason  
Convener (ph. 67509)

1986 is off with a bang as far as this Club subcommittee is concerned.  
Frantic submission writing was required immediately after Christmas to meet  
the SILVER PEAKS draft reserve management plan deadline. This was done, plus  
in-person submissions by the group at a formal hearing. The extent to which  
the Club's interests will be accommodated in the final plan should be known  
shortly.  
Personal representatives have also been made to the Otago Natural Parks  
and Reserves Board over a concession application for a hut plus helicopter  
access to Cascade Basin

- Other issues dealt with at the last ORG meeting included
- finnis contorta and their spread from Berwick Forest.
  - revegetation, tree and boulder removals from the Remarkables.
  - pastoral leases and the Prime Minister's changes in the Mackenzie.
  - the continuing saga of Birchwood Station and public access.  
(did you see the Club's news release in the ODT on 1 March?)

All good heady stuff, but plenty of mouth <sup>eaty</sup> and sniffer are  
assured.

The Rock and Pillar Extravaganza is now here,.....

All you wanted to know about the Rock and Pillar HUT and more.....

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Rock and Pillar Hut

Recently the Otago University Tramping Club purchased the sixty bunk hut on top of the Rock and Pillar Range above Middlemarch, from the Otago Ski Club. O.U.T.C. is very grateful for the support it has received for this project since it was first initiated in 1981.

Over February 1985 extensive repairs were carried out to both the interior and exterior of the building. The hut is now in a presentable and sleepable state although no cooking gear is available.

O.U.T.C. would like to bring to your attention the Rock and Pillar Hut. The hut is in an ideal location for many outdoor activities such as Cross-country Skiing, Tramping, Photography, Fieldwork and is also close to Dunedin.

Should you wish to visit the hut, please ensure you contact the landowners concerned, if wishing to cross their land to gain access to the hut. This is most important.

Although repairs have been carried out, this is an ongoing task. The O.U.T.C. committee has deemed a \$1.00 per person per night hut fee, which is payable to the club at the above address. Should you wish to book a large group and pay in advance, booking and payments can be made to the people named below. Any queries or information, please write to us (address above) or contact either Angela McErlane (Ph 776-139) or Paul Denys (Ph 738 750) in the evenings.

Yours sincerely

*Angela McErlane*

Alternatively: Travel along main road to old Ski Road, behind the property of Mr Matheson at "Kilmory". Please also inform him of any intention to cross his land. This track is foot access only. Follow to top of the Range and along left to the big ski hut.

Mr Matheson PH: MDL 454.

Access via:

"Glencreag" Outside along the main road out of Middlemarch. Through the gate, leaving vehicles at the end of the track, away from stock. Please inform Mr Grant of "Glencreag" of your intentions to cross his land, well in advance, giving him your vehicle registration

The track follows up the green strip on the ridge to the left, further on a cairn and markers will be spotted leading to the hut.

Mr Grant PH: MDL 494.

The moment you have been waiting for.....

SNOW I

Three day basic snow craft instruction course  
ANZAC WEEKEND 25-27th April  
TO HOMER HUT, GERTRUDE VALLEY, DARRANS

This course sets out to teach trampers the basic skills of walking on snow, use of an ice axe, self arresting, cramponing and perhaps some simple rope skills.

The course is being held on Anzac weekend this year, which gives us us three days of instruction. Don't come prepared to sit in the hut-if fine, we will be camping out on the snow, and if raining we will do day trips to the snow from the hut. WE WILL BE ACTIVE COME RAIN, HAIL, SNOW, OR SUNS NINE '!!!'

Everyone will need to bring an ice axe and crampons, as well as good wet weather gear, especially over troy...

More details to come .... ANY QUERIES PHONE EWAN.

### TRIP REPORT

#### 3 DAYS LOOKING FOR BREWSTER

Off for 3 days into the hills-yahoo, great. Brewster being the destination-it's a piece of pie.... according to Ewan, straight forward. You can do it in a weekend. How can we fail?????????  
Ewan only broke down once on the way to the Haast which is pretty good on past performances. The weather report even promised Huey may be kind to us-almost too good to be true. So it was an interesting walk up towards the head of the Makarora from the bridge the next morning and after about 5 hours we had reached the Makarora Hut-it was about this time I realised I'd brought the wrong crampons 888888. Then it clagged in and started to persist down-cries "Stuff you Huey" echoed round the valley. It was also about this time I had brought my sleeping bag.  
The next day dawned overcast as we made our way to the moraine at the head, cursing as we encountered some horrific scrub-we found the easy way on the way back'''' By the time we had got back up onto the moraine on the slopes of Brewster it was raining, sleet and hailing with little visibility-I suppose you could say it was quite unpleasant-at this stage the thought of the hut down the Makarora was very attractive where we arrived just on a dark... we were beginning to think this Ewan Paterson guy must be a bit of a gun as we couldn't see how Brewster was a piece of cake in a weekend-Ewan gave us a hard time after we got back as we had gone a completely different way. The easy route was up the track on the other side of the 'Haast Pass' So next time if I take the right crampons, go the right route and if Huey is kind to us we may even reach the top of Brewster.

Incidentally, Makarora Hut would be a great base for an Easter trip-rugged scenery with access to the tops.

Bill Provan & Greg Hermann.

# SKYLINE HIKERS

*of the  
Canadian Rockies*

Dear Fellow Hikers:

In 1985 we had the pleasure of having Mrs. D. Dombroski of 52 Carr Street, Kamo, Whangarei, attend one of our hiking camps in the Canadian Rockies. She was so pleased that she suggested that we should do more advertising in your country, and has sent us a list of your Tramping Clubs.

We are, therefore, taking the liberty of enclosing two of our brochures for our 1986 Camps in the Canadian Rockies, and would request that you pass these among your membership. The camps do get filled up quite quickly so if anyone is interested they should contact us, at the above address, as soon as possible.

We look forward to having some of your members visit our beautiful Canadian Rockies. I will be in New Zealand myself in MARCH 1986, and I am very excited about seeing your country.

FOR ALL YOU LOVELY PEOPLE WITH HEAPS OF SPARE TIME AND MONEYYYYYYYYYYYY  
BE IN.....BROCHURES AVAILABLE ON RECEIPT OF YOUR VISA NUMBER,  
AMERICAN EXPRESS, BONUS BONDS CARD .....

BILL PROVAN'S DAY TRIP ON APRIL THE 6th now led by PHILLIP JENKINS  
ph 862-861

Boo hoo, Swans leaving, so I'm looking for a  
flatmate to share my house with me - if you want  
to live in Ravensbourne (and who wouldn't) please  
give me a ring at 710594 (home) or ~~710511~~ 710511 (work)  
by the way it's only 5 minutes ~~drive~~ 10 speed ride  
to the middle of town and the rent is only \$25.  
Bill

Beware the next Bill's work party is on April 10th - be there or  
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