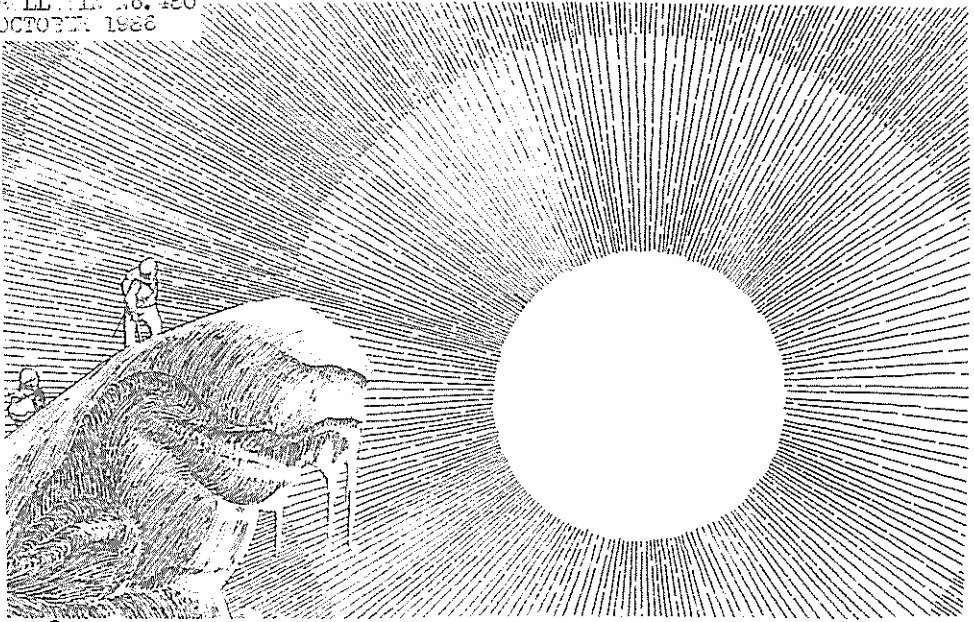


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LORI you've gone and left us all behind...wondering...trying to understand what it's all about. Where did we go wrong? We wish that you could have trusted us with your pain, and not felt that you were so desperately alone among us. You've forced us to take a long hard look at ourselves, and our relationships with each other....we've drawn closer together with your passing, and we're trying so hard to look at each other and say - "we can't let this happen to one of us again".

Remember that last trip that Annie, you, and me did? Skiing to the hut with packs brimming with food - that day skiing in the whiteout, skis buried in the bottomless powder; the long fast run back to the hut, yehooing and whooping with the joy of it all, and performing hilarious feats of acrobatics because we couldn't handle the conditions. The long conversations into the night over candles and wine. I thought you had it all sussed, Lori.

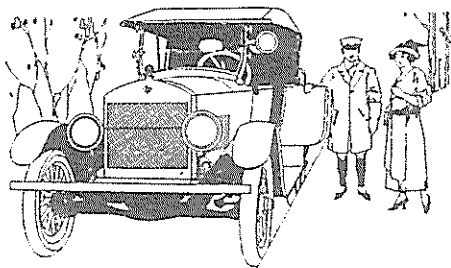


We failed you - we were just too busy absorbed in our own problems to extend a helping hand to you when you needed it most. You've left us here floundering in our own self remorse.

So long, Lori. You'll always have a smile on your face in our hearts. We hope you've found the peace that you were searching for....we let you go with love.

We miss you so very much.

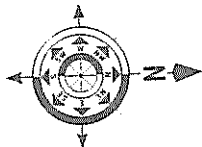
E.P.



HERE IS THE
TRIP PROGRAMME
M'LADY

OCTOBER 13-19 MOONLIGHT SILVERPEAKS (F)... Dave Barnes (62050)
This trip must be one of the best night-lights of the year - a must for all hairy trampers with howling tendencies. This trip departs at 7.00pm Saturday and returns around 3.00am Sunday.

OCTOBER 25-27 MATUKITUKI (all grades)... Spen Walker (771813)
Labour w/e
Enjoy the enchantment of the West Matukituki with it's superb views of surrounding peaks; the easy amble up past Aspiring Hut to Pearl Flat. For the more adventurous, rapid climbs to Liverpool Bivvy or French Ridge to gain views of Mt. Aspiring. Or take the East Branch to Aspiring Flat and Rock-of-Ages Bivvy. See y'all there!



NOVEMBER 2 Hardsco 2 (M)... Ross Cocker (48896)
20ft. snow-drifts will not stop Ross this time, his 2nd attempt to reach the vast basins of tall tussock that flank the Lammerlaw Range. Follow him into this veritable paradise this Sunday.

NOVEMBER 9 Evansdale (E)... Alison McPherson (737910)
20 minutes north by car, just before the Kilmog, lies this secret little Glen. Join Alison on this mystery-packed tour into the native bush of this area.

NOVEMBER 8-9 SNOW 3 (F)... Ewan Paterson (777151)
The 3rd in our series of snow-instruction weekends, this trip is for relatively experienced trampers who are finding that their trips are taking them over passes covered in snow and they do not have the techniques to handle the situation. You will learn walking on snow, uses of the ice-axe including self-arresting, and perhaps an easy climb.

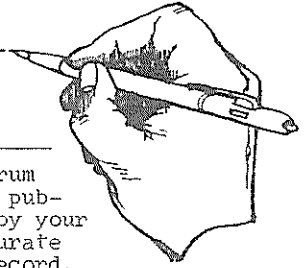


NOVEMBER 16 Search & Rescue Exercise (E)... Stu Mathieson (34859)
This SAREX is the one postponed from last month. Your chance to learn the basics with club members; or if you already know a little, come and brush up on your techniques. SAR is part and parcel of our activities in the outdoors, so this exercise deserves support.

A NEW TRIP PROGRAMME is currently being prepared for next year (Jan-June 1987); if you have any suggestions, or a desperate urge to lead a trip to your favourite area, sign the suggestions list in the club-rooms, or contact Peter Mason (775237).



Letters to the Editor



Club Members are welcome to use this page as a forum for their ideas, encouragement, or gripes. I will publish non-de-plumes, but they must be accompanied by your true name (not published), if only to keep an accurate record.

SEPTEMBER 21 Dear Sir,

In reply to your back page article in the September Bulletin, I certainly hope there will be an Outdoors this year, and each year in the future. The monthly bulletin is the ideal place for short, current articles, but for longer ones that we sometimes feel urged to write, the bulletin doesn't have room. Outdoors is the ideal place for these. And as someone said at the AGM, you can't keep bulletins and refer back to them if you want help about a trip you are planning, but Outdoors with its index allows you to look up articles you vaguely remember. And outdoors is in a form you can keep. All of mine are on my bookshelf next to Moir's Guide and the Bushcraft Manual. The bulletin is OK as it is. If a new typewriter is needed we could raise funds for that without sacrificing Outdoors. And Outdoors should not be the responsibility of the bulletin editor. Getting the bulletin out each month is a big enough job on its own. Perhaps at the time of the AGM 2 people could be appointed to produce the following years' Outdoors, and that would be their only job. They would then have about 9 months to collect material and 4-6 months to put it together. Best wishes for both our publications!

Signed.... Ian Sime

SEPTEMBER 20 Dear Sir,

I am appalled at the attitude of some club members to paying hut-fee's, as evidenced on the recent Routeburn trip. Some people seem to think that if you don't get caught, you don't pay. This is a really negative attitude. The facilities in our national parks have to be paid for somehow, and I feel it's not unreasonable to pay a bit for what is provided. For people to think that they can use the hut for warmth and shelter and in some cases claim not to have used the hut because they slept on the porch - under a roof - is quite small-minded.

Signed.... Dave Barnes

SEPTEMBER Dear Sir,

Hi Ed - say, went on a beaut trip into the Routeburn last weekend with mine host Billy 'Sunshine' Provan; great weather - 2nd year in a row he's picked it right. Made 2 great discoveries - how to get Billy to stop laughing....one is when he is asleep, and the other is to put him on a steep snowslope with a high avalanche risk....no laughing then! My complaint: if he hadn't arranged so much heat in the sun the avo risk wouldn't have been there and we would have achieved our objective. Regards.... 'The Phantom'

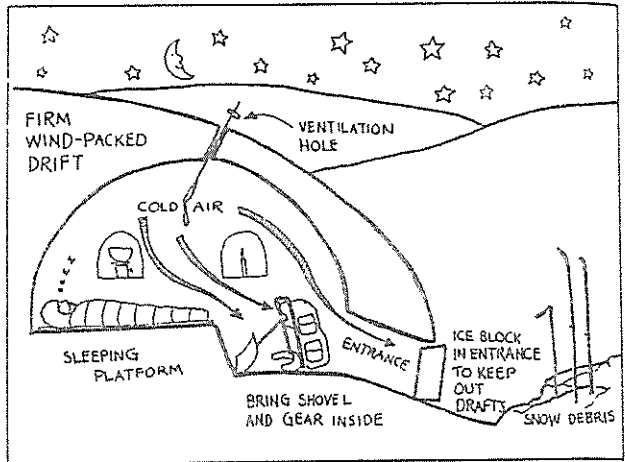


THURSDAY 30 October has been set aside for a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING for the presentation of the accounts for the previous financial year. This meeting should only take 1/2 hr, to be followed by the usual social programme. The meeting starts 7.30 sharp.

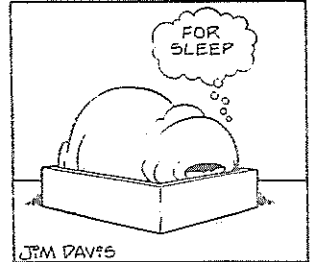
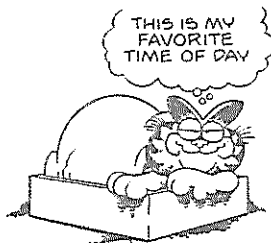
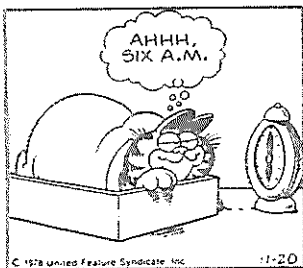
SNO-CAVING

Not having been snowcaving before, I was a bit concerned when John Fohl made me trip-leader, but he assured me that Antony had, and it wouldn't take long to learn.

The early Saturday morning start got us to Roxburgh in time to have breakfast and wake up. A few miles later and it was time to leave the vehicles and walk up to a small gully where the snow was promptly attacked by an array of implements. The snow proved to be very hard and we had to rotate the 6 of us in the 2 tunnels. The afternoon had gone before we had finished, however we had a platform...enough to squeeze the 6 of us into.



We had (it was suggested) built the wrong type of cave for the conditions, and my aching shoulders agreed. I was surprised to find just how warm it was inside, and vigorous pounding from the outside demonstrated it's strength (in fact it resisted destruction the following day). As Antony and Michelle prepared a gastronomic delight for tea, we slipped wearily into our sleeping-bags, our steaming breath filling the cave so that Michelle could not see Phillip on the far side of the cave.



After a very comfortable night we awoke to the lurid blue of the cave, refreshed and ready to have some fun...we fooled around in the snow with our ice-axes for a while, before getting down to serious landscape modification so that we could slide on our bags (and avoid the waterhole). Mucking around like this seemed to fill the day, and all too quickly it was time to return, having first noted the various construction techniques of the other parties, for future reference.

John Bevin for Michelle Williams, Antony Pettinger, Phillip Jenkins, Polly Stupples, and Sylvia Kellar.

FLATMATE WANTED for sunny, modern house in havensbourne, to flat with Bill Provan, ace member of this club. Rent \$30.00 per week. Ph 710864

A huge welcome to these new club-members; some of them have been around the club and involved in our activities, that you could be forgiven for thinking that they were already members!
Chris Stewart, Polly Sorrensen, Ian Hills, Susan Harding, Doug Pagel, John Cox, and Sylvia Barrett.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CLUB TREASURER
Jane Bruce (ph 771813)

If you buy any supplies on behalf of the OTMC, such as petrol for the van on club trips, then this is for you! If the club wishes to claim a deduction for GST on goods and services, we must have invoices to verify the transactions.

FOR GOODS & SERVICES NOT MORE THAN \$20.00 (+GST)
No tax invoice required. An ordinary receipt showing where and when the purchase was made, and cost (including GST) must be kept.

FOR GOODS & SERVICES MORE THAN \$20.00 BUT LESS THAN \$100.00 (+GST)

The tax invoice needs to show:

- *the words 'tax invoice'
- *description of goods/services supplied
- *the name and GST registration no. of supplier
- *date invoice was issued
- * cost including GST

FOR GOODS & SERVICES MORE THAN \$100.00 (+GST)

The tax invoice needs to show:

- *the words 'tax invoice'
- *date invoice was issued
- *name and GST registration no. of supplier
- *description of goods/services supplied
- *quantity of goods/services supplied
- *name and address of recipient
- *statement that GST included in price, or breakdown of cost

TRIP FARES & GEAR HIRE

10% GST will be added onto trip-fares, non-member surcharges, and late-fees. Gear-hire prices also rise 10%. Please bring correct change to club when hiring gear or paying fees.

DOOR MONEY & SUPPER MONEY

We will not collect GST on these at the moment, although we will be paying the GST on these monies collected. This situation will be reviewed.

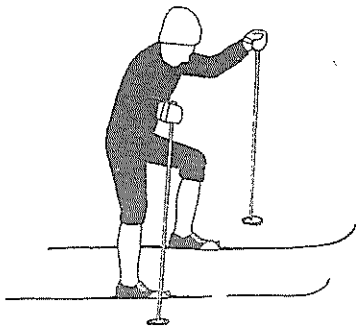


OTMC,
GST,
and YOU



At the last committee meeting of the Tramping Club, our honorary auditor Russell George presented a preliminary set of figures from the previous financial year, and told a stunned committee that the club has financial assets to the value of \$28,000 - no, that's not a typing error - we have twenty-eight thousand dollars in the bank!! How did we come to have all this loot? In years gone by, all club trips were costed to make a small profit (approx. 10%) instead of the current policy of just breaking even. This system over the years allowed us to amass this fantastic fortune. What the hell are we doing with it? Is it right and proper for us to have this gathering dust in the bank?

NOICE! NOICE! FRICTION



"I can't get any bloody glide at all in these things" - Mike Floate, cross-country ski trip, 28-21 September, on the Old Roman range.

Being inexperienced in snow jargon, let alone cross-country skiing, I can only say that the weather was excellent, and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely. In some ways it was the typical trip, with Mike Floate worryin' that perhaps he'd

lost his billy-lid, and someone's tube of klistor bursting... but the weather! No wind, lots of sun, blue sky, and long evenings. We reached the hut for an early lunch on Saturday, and headed off 'on tour' to Mt. Black and along the ridge; there's nothing like **BLINKING TWINKS!** Return to the hut was an easy downhill cruise, the soft snow unrelenting until the hut was reached, where it had iced up, proving a real trick for young players as we overshot the mark and balanced precariously on the steeper slope. A big thankyou to all the volunteers who installed the Loo with a View - it was much appreciated, and in fact was the Loo with a queue for most of the weekend.

We spent a cosy Saturday night battling balloons around the hut - no moonlight skiing as the snow was really icy, which (shame!) meant an early start on Sunday was impractical. There was a traction not enough friction for some of us slithering about the next morning, but a bit of sun soon put that to rights. We skied to the head of the Bannockburn - highly recommended! Zipping down the burn is well worth the climb to the ridge at the end. We were sorry to be leaving, but it was a great weekend. Many thanks to all those involved, and special gratitude to Ruy for his unreserved benevolence.

Molly Sorensen for Bruce Mason, John Robinson, Peter Dymock, Open Walker, Jane Bruce, Lori Meyer, Bruce McKinlay, Alison McPherson, Mike Floate, Ross Imbers, Mary Fevinson, Dave Levick, John Pohl, Alister Netherall, Michelle Netherall, Jayne Roddy.



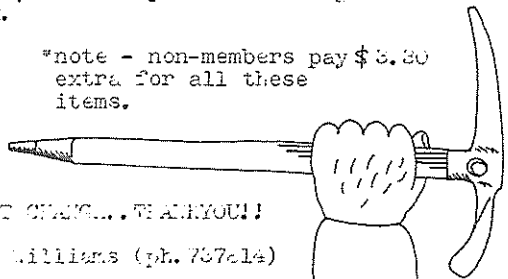
Change of address: Ewan Paterson, 4 Ryber Pass, City Hill. PH777161

new GEAR HIRE charges

The Big Boney GST has arrived, and all gear-hire charges are now inclusive of this direct tax.

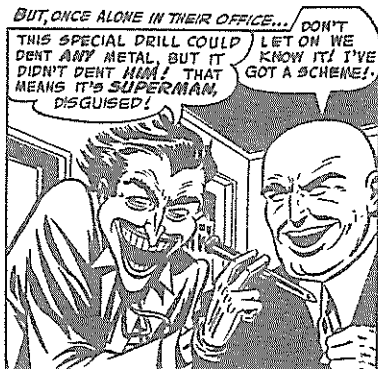
- TRIPS \$3.30 per weekend
- TENTFLIES \$3.30 per weekend
- ICE AXES \$3.30 per weekend
- PICKS \$3.30 per weekend
- CLIMBING \$4.40 per weekend

*note - non-members pay \$3.30 extra for all these items.



PLEASE PAY THE CORRECT CHANGE... THANKYOU!!

Gear Hire Officer - Michelle Williams (ph. 737214)



Michelle Wetherall has been liaising with the Otago polytechnic on our behalf, and like the arch criminal Lex Luthor (the one with the bald head), she too has a scheme! She filed this report on developments;

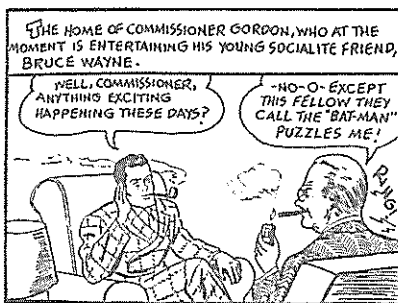
As you have probably heard by now, the Mountain Safety Council has withdrawn direct funding of courses for the public. The changes in funding will effect the OTMC in several ways. Firstly our Bushcraft course will have to be on a user-pays basis. This means to maintain the cost at a reasonable price, instructors give their time at even cheaper rates than last year, or we look for an alternative source of funding. It was a fortunate coincidence that I was talking to our landlord Peter Haines, of the Otago Polytechnic, at a time close to this, and he expressed a wish for the Polytechnic and OTMC or Mountain Safety to work closer together. Working outwards from their tourism department, they have already organised avalanche awareness courses using their administrative abilities, and employing instructors to teach.

As MSC show no sign of relenting, and paying either instructor's costs or publicity expenses for courses, the OTMC will now liaise with the Polytech on courses such as Bushcraft. The main area of future spending by MSC will be in the area of training of instructors - any course attended by instructors (eg. teaching methods) will be fully paid for. This policy decision was not supported by the OTMC. Having instructors costs paid by MSC on Bushcraft last year kept the cost of the course down and ensured a good attendance. OTMC doesn't see this as 'subsidisation' for the public - rather as a way to reach and encourage people to learn about mountain safety. For these reasons we welcome the offer of assistance from the Polytech.

OTMC Bushcraft '87 will be run in conjunction with the Polytech, using their administrative facilities and teaching funding for instructor's expenses. Their logo will appear with our advertising. On a wider scale they are keen to support a series of mountain safety related activities throughout the year. With this in mind, an open day Tramparama will be held in January or February 1987, in place of our Festival float, to encourage mountain safety and the 'join-a-club' theme. There is also the possibility that tutors from the Polytech might organise a teaching methods course for instructors this year, rather than bringing in tutors from outside Dunedin.

We welcome these offers by the Polytech, and thank in particular Peter Haines for his initiative. If you have any further ideas, ring me at 33818.

Michelle Wetherall



JUST AS BRUCE WAYNE
(REALLY BATMAN IN DISGUISE)
WONDERS - THERE IS LOTS OF
EXCITMENT IN THE OTMC THESE
DAYS. THANKS TO MICHELLE
(IS SHE BATWOMAN?) FOR
ALL HER EFFORTS.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 30 Special Annual General Meeting for the presentation of the financial report. Be there or be square. This starts at 7.30pm sharp. Followed at 8.00pm by Tony Beecham to talk and show slides of weeks.
- NOVEMBER 6 The Old Man Range - Cathy Brunley and Bruce Mason will be looking at the natural and recreational wonders of this range. (Cathy is the author of the recently published Protected Natural Areas Report).
- NOVEMBER 13 Dave Levick - another of his alltime great trips - South America...travel with Dave and share his experiences.
- NOVEMBER 20 Chris Stewart, ex ranger of Mt. Cook National Park, talking on his 'living, loving, and playing' days in the park, where he spent 8 years.
- NOVEMBER 27 Cross-country skiing exploits 1963 - Bruce Mason will be doing a 'bring-his-own-slides' effort on his many and varied trips this winter...to the Harvies, Lawduns, Old Man Range, Rock and Pillars, Lammermoor, and more!

If anyone has any ideas on talks they would like to do, write to the Social Convener, OMC, P.O. Box 1190, Dunedin, or see Michelle Williams (787214) or Molly (30439)

There is a great mystery unfolding in the club...the great mystery of orange plastic chairs that we had at the start of our occupation of the present clubrooms...is slowly disappearing!!! What on earth is happening to them? Do we have an orange plastic chair thief in our midst? If anyone could shed some light on this matter and help assist the committee.

Letters to the Editor continued...

OCTOBER 8 Dear Sir,
Please don't kill Outdoors off completely. There's lots of us out here who really appreciate an annual summary of your trips and anecdotes, and things happening around the club. It's a good source of trip info, a historical record, and helps generate that all-important magic, club spirit. Your bulletins are excellent and I can see a case for collecting these and abandoning Outdoors '87, but don't allow this to become a common practice. Sure it's a lot of work, but next year someone may be keen again. The obligation doesn't have to be there every year, but next year someone may be keen again. I believe that in the long run it should be retained. I also see no reason why articles used in monthly Bulletins can't be republished in good permanent copy at the end of the year. It would avoid the situation of editors hoarding the good articles and us waiting 2 years to read them. As for Outdoors '84-'86, the missing factor that has caused this furor, let's admit circumstances have made it too difficult for our illustrious editors Jan and Miriam to get it done, forgive them, thank them for what's ready now, and rally round to get it out. If everyone put their hands and brains into action as well as their mouths, we'd all have some great reading on our Christmas trips. Please take note of the meeting notice included in this bulletin; come along and offer even a couple of hours of your time.
Signed....Michelle Wetherall