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ANNUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I am able to write this my final President's report after spending three years in the position so ending in the Club's 50th year of existence. I wish the incoming President well.

Our 50th Jubilee has come and gone and I am sure that all that attended enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank all the Jubilee committee for the work that they put in plus the extra helpers who all helped to make the weekend a success.

There is a big challenge ahead for the incoming committee to encourage more people out on trips and to make our truck a viable form of travelling.

The real balance sheet of the year is not the one that Alan works out but the number of active bodies and the amount of country covered. We could do with more members - a glance at the search call out list will show you how thin on the ground we would be in any serious emergency. We have done what we can to call the attention of likely people of the existence of the Club by various forms of publicity but we continue to depend upon the recruiting done by our own members.

I would like to thank the members of the committee and in particular, our Secretary and our Club Captain. Also to the social committee, trip leaders and fellow drivers - Thankyou.

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank the NZFS for the use of their huts and their assistance in carting material up to Howletts.

TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Training has gone very well this year. The monthly training nights have covered most of the problems likely to be encountered in the ranges in addition to the hardware needed or appreciated when the going gets tough.

The training weekend at Kuripaponga went off very well although there was a certain lack of enthusiasm noted at some of the colder river crossings.

In addition to the Club organized training nights, this year saw the start of a regular series of training evenings organized by S.A.R. personnel. We must endeavour to get more of our younger members (including those still at school) along to these evenings as this is the basis of the S.A.R. callout list and we need the younger ones to be trained up so as to replace the oldies when they retire.

Peter Berry

TRUCK REPORT

Although we had problems getting the numbers to fill the truck to make each trip pay its way, the truck itself has performed very well with only a few repairs being necessary.

The water pump, after giving up on a trip, needed replacing, which cost \$108.00 for parts and recently the battery had to be replaced at a cost of \$161.00. The last battery had lasted over 5 years which was longer than most survive. The outside of the canopy was painted as well as the Club monograms in time for our Club jubilee. The truck mattresses are badly in need of covering sometime in the near future.

Once again we are short of drivers holding a passenger services licence so if any of you hold a heavy traffic licence give it a go as some trips are put in jeopardy because of the lack of a driver.

In the past year the truck used 1796.72 litres of petrol costing \$1721.94 and travelled 4508 km which is a little down on last year.

Geoff Robinson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

This year much of the efforts of the Social Committee were channelled into helping organize the jubilee but four other events were held during the year. The most popular of these, the trip/barbecue at Boundary Stream, enticed out 22 people with ages ranging from 12 to 60+. The other events were the mid-year dinner, a barbecue with the Napier Tramping Club and an afternoon out with the Orienteering Club. A questionnaire circulated amongst members early in the year indicated that these should have been popular events but all had poor attendances. Obviously theory and practice do not always correlate.

The Wednesday night sessions saw a variety of themes. Outside guests come to speak on astronomy and the N.Z. falcon (this latter presentation included a most excellent film) and Pam Menzies, an old club member, gave a most interesting talk on

Africa. Pam showed that not everyone needs slides etc. to give an entertaining account of their rambles. A second film, on the Manganui-a-te-au was shown during the year and also recieved a favourable response. Four evenings were dedicated to slides taken by New Zealanders on their overseas trips and one evening to slides taken by overseas people (ie Claire and Noel) on their N.Z. trip.

The other three evenings we entertained ourselves with carol singing, board games and the photo competition (which was won by Graeme Taylor)

I would like to thank all the members who served on the Social Committee. Their reliability and ideas made the job of Chairman an easy task.

Glenda Hooper

JUBILEE REPORT

After much research in phone books, electoral rolls and old Club records, 330 registration forms were sent out over a period of several months. Slowly at first they started to come in, ending in a rush right up to the night before, one from Australia and several from the South Island.

Over the whole weekend we had 156 people take place in the various events. There were 107 to dinner and 17 extras came to the dance after. They had an excellent meal and danced to some good music. Some spent most of the time browsing through old albums - Club ones and many private ones which had been brought along, and viewing old slides.

On Sunday 81 people went on the Jubilee trip to Kuripaponga. After a cup of tea and a short memorial service conducted by the Rev. Kim Bathgate 50 people headed off to Kaweka Hut. The rest spent a lazy day talking in front of the fire and then going for a ride out to the road head in the Club truck. Afterwards there was a quick venison barbecue.

The next morning 35 people turned up for the farewell back at the hall.

Many thanks to the Jubilee and Executive committee and all others who helped make the weekend the great success that it was.

Jim Glass

PUBLICITY REPORT

This year we stopped placing notices for trips over the local radio stations as people had turned up for trips ill-prepared. This being the 50th Jubilee year we started 6 months before the event with notices being placed in the newspapers of the four main centres and in local papers. Then we placed notices in the FMC magazine and the Forest and Bird. However, I think we recieved the best response from the free notices over Bay City Radio just 3 weeks before the event.

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The Leader newspaper kindly did a two page spread on the history of the Club with old photos, then on Labour Weekend itself Jenny Weston kindly arranged for the HB Herald Tribune to do a full page article with several old photo. We had a photo display in the Eastern & Central Bank window and also in the Havelock North library.

Jim Glass

SEARCH & RESCUE REPORT

This year there has been no SAR operations which is great for the tax payer and would-be victims but is bad news for the organization. To overcome the lack of activity, training meetings were started and have been held every two months for all people involved in SAR. So far there has been two meetings. The first was for introductions and discussion and the second for radio operation and theory.

The meeting objectives are that people get to know one another and learn skills they would not normally gain in their own clubs. As well and above all else, these meetings keep people interested enough to support the SAR organization.

The strong interest and attendance from both tramping clubs has been much appreciated especially considering that many travel over from Hastings to attend these meetings.

Randall Goldfinch

ALBUM REPORT

All named photos are now in albums but we do have a large collection of older photos with no names on them. A new album has been started and the old one finished off except for a few photos which are to be copied to fill in some gaps.

More photos must be presented to the album custodian, preferably in groups covering the progress of trips from start to finish and also photos of people's faces. It would be appreciated if all photos were dated and named.

Go to the effort. Make some copies now and send them in.

Peter Berry

EDITOR'S REPORT

Will we be able to produce 'Whokura' for the next fifty years? We need typists, or at least people who are able to type accurately (the speed doesn't matter), we need gestetner operators, we need labour for the 'stapling parties', we need an editor who can decipher handwriting, spell, work out the meaning of convoluted sentences and who has a loud voice to demand trip reports, and most of all we need the TRIP LEADERS' REPORTS. Without all these factors the magazine cannot be produced. Are you doing your bit?

About 185 magazines averaging 25 sides of typing, 3 times a year, is quite an undertaking. If that work can be spread evenly, rather than pushed at unfortunate typists 'to be done yesterday if possible', we have a better show of continuing to the Centenary!

Remember in your trip reports to cover what you would like to know about another trip - access routes, times, places, river crossings and hut locations, vegetation (tussock or leather-wood, open bush or dense bracken) birds seen, and also the human element (how X stood in the stew or Y fell down the waterfall). If you write the report when you get home, before the bruises slow you down, you can then relax and get into 'Casualty' with a clear conscience!

Thanks go to the typists, gestetner operators, and especially Ingram, Thompson and Berry for the use of their gestetner.

Liz Pindar

LIBRARY REPORT

One book has been added to the library - Mountain Safety Manual 14: Outdoor First Aid - it is well worth taking out and swotting up. 15 books have been borrowed and \$3.28 taken in donations, but I should mention the back copies of Pohokura are held here, and the photo albums too, which have been so interesting to all over the Jubilee celebrations, also magazines from other clubs which give us a different view of some of our own local areas, and an idea of what to expect further afield.

If you want to see the copy of 'The Ascent of Everest' with the 1953 expedition's signatures, J. Andersen's 'Maori place names', or Lambert's 'Tales of Old Wairoa' please ask me.

Liz Pindar

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Fifty Years on

In among the manuka
Neath the beechtrees tall,
The HTC are building,
One and all.

In 1938 it was
Kaweka was begun,
And in the building of it
The HTC had fun.

And now fifty years later,
We gather there again,
It's great! Despite the weather
Of wind and hail and rain.

JUBILATE.

Now that we've had our jubilee
And a great old time as you'll agree
We offer our thanks to Jubilee Jim
A lot of hard work fell to him.

And the jubilee mag by Glenda and Pete
Is a lot of research will be hard to beat.
So lift up your voices the HTC way And give the committee

A LOUD HOORAY!

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50TH JUBILEE. LABOUR WEEKEND 1985.

After many months of planning and hard work it was with a sense of relief and excitement that the weekend had finally arrived. We turned up at the venue of the 'do', the Hastings High School Old Boys Rugby Football Club Hall at 1p.m. armed with candles, candlesticks, tablecloths, pot plants, photo albums old slides, etc.

Our first guests started to arrive at 1.30, and at 2p.m. they came with a rush. It was great to be able to put a name to a face. Some were known to us, some were not, and it was great to see old friends meeting after all these years. A great deal of time was spent browsing through the old albums. Nick-names seemed to be the order of the day with pre-war trampers. Our patron, Janet Lloyd, arrived with Irene (Tubby) Farrally, and also to arrive was Ian Powell and his wife Enid, both in their eighties. John MacIntyre came from Cronulla, N.S.W., and several came up from the South Island.

Also to hit New Zealand was a Southernly straight from Antarctica which gave us a bit of a worry for our Sunday trip. By 6pm all 107 had arrived for the cocktail hour. John Hannah and Nora (Huck) Finn coming from the South Island, had their flight from Wellington cancelled so they hired a rental car and arrived just in time for dinner.

We sat down to an excellent dinner; hot beef, apricot chicken casserole, loin of pork, ham off the bone, hot veges and salads, strawberries and cream and icecream.

Our toastmaster, Stan Woon, guided us through the speeches. John von Dadelzen proposed the toast to the Club, and Russell Perry replied. The cake was cut by the foundation members, and Jackie Smith presented Janet, our patron, with flowers.

The dancing had to compete with the showing of old slides for most of the evening and the ones who left early missed some good dancing and singing. More guests arrived after the dinner, including a group from the Napier Tramping Club. It might have been the thought of the early start that sent most of the guests home before 12. I think most of the workers didn't get much sleep as the clocks went on an hour for daylight saving, and we had to be back at the hall by 7a.m. to make the next day's luncheon.

By the time I got there the chain gang was well away. You walked round and round the table picking up a buttered roll, filling it with a variety of fillings then stuffing it into a plastic bag, all 160 rolls. The hall was also vacuumed and cleaned up and we were off to Holt's just after 8 a.m.

Eighty-six people crammed into a Nimon's bus, the Club truck and a few private cars and headed off up the Taihape Road towards Kuripapango. We had glimpses of fresh snow covering the Ruahines and the odd bit of sun breaking through.

On reaching Robson's Lodge we found that Randall had the fires lit and Selwyn and Heather Hawthorn had the billy on. We all assembled in the cold sunshine in front of Robson's Lodge where the Rev. Kim Bathgate conducted a short and moving memorial service.

After the service and a quick cup of tea 50 of the keen ones crammed into the bus and headed off to Kaweka Hut. I was feeling the effects of the night before and decided to stay behind. We spent a pleasant day going for short walks or sitting in front of the fire talking. I found out that pre-war lady trampers couldn't get their minds off male trampers' legs.

After lunch we hopped into the truck and went for a ride around the forestry roads, stopping off at the lookout at the start of the MacIntosh track. Looking up the valley we could just see wisps of smoke from Kaweka Hut. Returning to Robson's Lodge we fired up the barbecue in time for the trampers' return. We were all treated to a great feed of sausages, and venison donated by Graham Bailey. A great singsong enlivened the return on the truck and a tired group of people returned to Hastings after a great day.

Monday morning saw about 35 of us back at the hall for a final farewell and cup of tea, with more album browsing. Then Stan had us all up to sing Auld Lang Syne and off everyone drifted after what all must agree was a great weekend. See you all again in TEN YEARS TIME.

Members past and present, wives, husbands, sons, daughters, boy-friends, girlfriends and mothers who attended the weekend:
Foundation members present; Irene Farrelly, Rolf Keys, Leslie and Peter Lattey, Janet Lloyd, Ian 1, Joan Smith, John von Dadelzen.
Present:

David Bathgate, Kim Bathgate, Shirley Besselmann, Alan and Kath Berry, Annette and Russell Berry, and Mark Berry, John and Karen Berry Graham and Tracy Bailey, Peter Berry, Pat Bolt, Owen Brown, Janet Brown, Vicki Blake, Alan and Ingrid Bristow, Peter Boomen, David Butcher, Hal and Heather Christian, Marjorie Clayton, Ailie and Doug Cooke, Ron and Mary Craig, Val Craven, Barry and Janice Donkin, Delia Findlay, Nora Finn, Jim and Boreen Glass, Martin Glass, Lindsay Going, Randall Goldfinch, Keith and Anna Garrett, Graham and Margaret Griffiths, Cameron and Steven Griffiths, Irene Farrelly, Dorothy Cotton (nee Bowmar) Jack Hannah, Selwyn and Heather Hawthorne, Glenda Hooper, Frank Hooper, Joy Hill, Edward and Susan Holmes, Heather Hill, Perry Hicks, Malcolm and Tracy Ingpen, Greg and Dianne Jenks, Graeme and Helen Hare, Rolf Keys, Arch and Joy Lowe, Alan Lee, Malcolm Lightband, Jenny Lean, Peter and Lesley Lattey, Susan Lopdell, Janet Lloyd, Muriel Lowe, Alan and Wendy Holden, Raymond and Raewyn Lowe, Alister and Lois Moffitt, John MacIntyre, Peter McBride and Karen Nowell-Usticke, Judy McBride, Alva McAdam, John Marshall, Peter Manning, Fiona MacDonald, Angela Milner, Des and Beverley O'Neill, Harry Osborne, Ian and Enid Powell, Trevor and Jeanette Plowman, George and Jean Prebble, Russell and Joanne Perry, Elizabeth Pindar, Geoff Robinson, Glenda and David Smith, Heather Simms, Joan Smith, Jackie and Mary Smith, Wally Romanes, June Skinner (nee Budd) Rob Snowball, Anna (nee Bloomer) and Ivan Stevens, Graham Snadden, Dudley and Aletheia Sheppard, Nancy Tanner, Alan and Beth Thurston, Keith and Trudy Thomson, Maurie and Barbara Taylor, Nigel and Carol Thompson, Graeme Taylor, Graham and Marilyn Thorp and Rachel Thorp, Brian and Pam (nee Lewis) Turner, Julie, Kathy and Eileen Turner, Nancy Urquhart, Bob Woon, Hugh and Elizabeth Wild, Russell West, John and Michelle von Dadelzen, Kath and Stan Woon, David White, Helen McLean Young (nee Nelly Bligh) Patricia Taylor, Rob Vork

Apologies were received from:

Gay Culver, Robyn Taylor, Sam Haroldson, Derek Conway, Ian Stirling, Jo Guymour, Len and Barbara Hodgson, Catherine Stirling, Lucy Hodges, Ona Coatsworth (nee Allison), Irene Dawson (nee Watt), Mim Marcussen, Brian Smith (in Antarctica) Tom Whittle, Dick Endt, Jim Wilshire, Maardi Green (nee Budo), Margaret O'Connor (nee Culloty) Dave Wilkins, Dempster Thompson, Doug Thompson, Karen and Clive Thurston, Ross Berry, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 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Ruahines "66"

Trip 1335

September 1st 1985

Two cars and five people left Holts carpark for the carpark at the Waipawa River. The weather was overcast but we were not put off by the forecast. We all started off up the Waipawa River and after a while we left Stan to spend an enjoyable day wandering by himself.

We put our heads down and attempted to keep up with Heather McBride who insisted she hadn't been in training for the trip. After a while we reached Waipawa Saddle and snow. It was windy and showering when we started to climb up and over "66" and with heaps of snow which provided an enjoyable exercise in trying to stand on your feet. We managed to scramble, walk and bum-slide over "66" and down the other side where we decided to drop down a big shingle slide and into a tributary of the Waipawa River.

We stopped there for lunch and a rest. We then went down the stream till we met the Waipawa River and rain. After a short dash down the river we arrived at the carpark to find that Stan had gone home. So we all climbed into the car and started out for home, leaving only footprints and part of my exhaust system behind.

Leader. Micheal Hawthorne.

Number in party. 5

Stan Woon, Heather McBride, Hamish Tait, Tony Hansen.

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Kaweka - Middle Hut

Trip 1336

September 29th 1985

Quote from Pohokura -- "Into Middle Hill from Pink's Hut...
...Straight forward trip"

Undoubtably going into Middle Hill from Pink's is a straight forward trip. It's the getting back out again which causes problems.

But first things first.....

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Thirteen eager trampers set out on a fine but windy Sunday morning in the direction of Makahu Road. Thanks to our new policy on fare collection, we were able to leave Holts at 6.00 am on the dot. This enabled us to reach our destination by 8.15 am. Geoff took the truck across the first ford and on to the top of that hill and it was here where we parked and disembarked to ready ourselves for the days adventures.

The wind was blowing fairly strongly and not a little chilly, so we were all off and walking by about 8.30 am. The object of the trip was to be straight forward and aimed at the average tramper who was willing to carry on at a steady pace, but to be able to stop and browse also. And this we did. Frequent stops were made to admire the bush and scenery and to soak up the sun and it was not until 11.30 am that the last of us reached Middle Hill Hut. Continuing on in the vein of the day we had a leisurely lunch here and took time to explore the area around the hut. It wasn't until 1.30 that the troops started to get restless and ask their fearless leader what was next on the agenda.

"Anyone interested in walking down the Mangatutunui Stream?" Lo and behold, eight mindless fools answered in the affirmative, so we left Alva, Jenny, Sue (Potter) and Hamish to wander out the same way they came.

Noone had been down the stream before so it promised to be a good adventure. It is fairly narrow where it meets the Makino track from where we started. We plodded on slowly, as the rocks were extremely slippery and we encountered several waterfalls which had to be carefully negotiated.

Nothing serious though, except time was slipping by.

We decided to consult the map and found that after travelling for nearly two hours we were a good deal short of halfway. The following conversation ensued.

Party members, "do you think we should climb out onto the ridge track?"

Me. "Dunno"

P.Ms "Do you think we should stay in the stream?"

Me. "Dunno"

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P.Ms. "Do you think we should continue down the stream and then climb out?"

Me. "Dunno"

It was after such decisive thinking that we decided to keep to the river. This was just as well as firstly the river widened and made travelling a bit quicker and secondly the ridge we thought about climbing onto was the wrong one.

And who says he who hesitates is lost?

We found that by keeping to the riverbank and bush bashing (accompanied by murmers of "this boy learnt all he knows from Russell) we moved faster and made up the deficit in time admirably. (Which was just as well because certain party members had forgotten their torches.)

Eventually we climbed out of the river bed and onto farmland near Pink's Hut and arrived back at the truck at 6.15 pm, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours after leaving Middle Hill. The party members promptly banned me from leading "straightforward" trips, but it didn't matter as I was so Knackered I fell asleep without hearing them. We arrived back in Hastings at 9 pm after a very eventful day. Thanks Geoff for driving and thanks to the other party members for a very enjoyable day.

Leader. Noel Mareno

Number in party. 13

Party members. Noel Mareno, Geoff Robinson, Sue Keswick, Susan Lopdell, Lex Severinson, Heather Hawthorne, Alva McAdam, Sue Potter, Jenny Lean, Tony Hansen, Hamish Tait, Glenda Hooper and Peter Berry.

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Kaweka Tidying up trip

Trip 1337

Sunday . th October

Russell took us up in the Boy's High School's mini bus to the end of Lakes Road. From there we travelled in quick time into Kaweka with all our cleaning equipment. There we meet Randell and Stan. Randell had finished the hole in the floor and we set to work ripping off the old sack bunks, digging a new bog hole and generally scrubbing up the hut. Leaving early we got out to road end in good time then proceeded to wait for Russell for ages!

Nothing new in that!

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Eventually we all set out for Kaweka again on a rescue mission but found the miscreant in the Tutaekuri. A very successful trip leaving the hut in a fantastic condition.

Party. Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Ross Berry, Robyn Taylor, Micheal Wooten, Clifford Holmes, Alan and Kath Berry and Jim Glass, and Sue Lopdell.

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JUBILEE TRIP

Kuripapanga - Kaweka Hut

October 27th 1985

Trip 1338

Despite the weather looking to be a repeat of the previous day's full scale winter the turnout at 8.00 am at Holts was a nice mix of ancient and modern! And enough to fill a bus, the truck and some cars. All were sorted out and set off by about 8.30.

Over the club's lifetime, there have been many changes in transport comfort and speed, and in road conditions, but thankfully, nothing has changed that magnificent atmosphere of high hills which greeted us from the Blowhard onward. Memories came thick and fast - down the swamp cutting - past the gate leading to Swamp Cottage and where all the Kaweka trips always started - on to a sight of the Ngaruroro and Gentle Annie - past the old so-hospitable Macdonald house and on to what is now Robson Lodge.

There, a welcome brew awaited our arrival, and then a short service of reflection and thanksgiving was led by Kim Bathgate, son of the Club's first President.

Those electing to make the trip to Kaweka Hut then rebused and were taken by forest road, to beyond the Lakes, where is the present day start of the track. Booted and ready - all - totalling near 50 - set off, carefully tallied by leaders.

Weather was treating us kindly and the drop down to the Tutaekuri was taken comfortably at good pace, but from there onwards the grades - which surely have become much steeper and longer than they ever used to be - sorted out the age groups quite quickly. Here, a tribute to the leaders for their pleasant patience and tact in handling the "antiques". Even the slowest of us made the Hut intact

and rejoiced to see the old mansion still in business and full to overflowing with joyful types - and a real wooden floor!! An hour or so feeding ourselves and digesting the changes in the surroundings over the years and then the time came to return. This was by the alternative route with it's spectacular view point. Back at the Tutaekuri a couple of the "aged" reverted to their old habits and stopped to replenish their energy supply with tea and chocolate. This stop gave rise to a quick mini search by the leaders, but was in all probability the only thing that gave them strength to conquer that last grade to the bus. There we were uplifted and returned to Robson where awaiting us was a grand presentation of barbequed tucker which was so welcome.

The last event of the day was the establishing that noone had been left in the bush and this took the form of a sort of musical chairs in and out of the bus. It worked Okay but a silent movie without captions would be a whizz.

As one of the older members, this trip stands out for me as a bit of a physical triumph, but, much more so, it is a great joy to have been absorbed into the "aura" of the Club on a trip again.

Congratulations Club... you are doing fine!

Peter Lattey.

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Cairn Trip

Trip 1339

November 10th, 1985

Makahu car park already had several vehicles in it by the time we arrived at 8.00 am. Looked like it was going to be quite a gathering. About 26 of us set off on two routes for the grind to the top, one party up Dons Spur, and the bulk of the party up Makahu Spur. Both had lots of uneventful climbs up the the trig on Kaweka .J with the usual spread of sadistic streakers out front and sedate strollers bringing up the rear.

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and onto a grassed farm access road which took us up to the waiting truck with Geoff and the girls at 6.00 pm. They were on the end of the Hinerua Extentsion Road which was in good order.

Many thanks to the property owners contacted.

Alder Road - Miss Swinburn Waipukarau 66753

Hinerua Extention Road - Mr A Reeves Waipukarau 66750

Party Randall Goldfinch, Geoff Robinson, David Harrington
Peter Berry, Glenda Hooper, Jenny Lean, Susan Holmes
Tony Hansen, Hamish Tait, Moira Moroney, Keith Thomson.

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The Committee for 1986 is.

- * President. Russell Perry
- * Vice Presidents. Geoff Robinson, Jim Glass, Mitch Barrett
- * Club Captain. Peter Berry
- * Secretary. Glenda Hooper
- * Treasurer. Jackie Smith
- * Committee. Lew Harrison, Ed Holmes, Ross Berry, Mitch Barrett, Susan Lopdell, David Harrington, Alva McAdam
- * Auditor. Alan Berry
- * Editor. Elizabeth Pindar
- * Social Committee. Frank Hooper, John Berry, Andrew Doole
Jenny Lean, Heather Hawthorne, Susan Lopdell & Mitch Barrett
- * And of course our Patron is Janet Lloyd

+ Sub-committees.

- + Hut. E Holmes, G Robinson, R. Perry, A. Doole
- + Fixtures. P. Berry, R. Perry, E. Holmes, D. Harrington
S. Lopdell, A. Doole, G. Hooper, J. Glass
A. McAdam
- + Training. P. Berry, D. Harrington, R. Perry, L. Harrison
- + Album. R. Perry + Scrapbook. J. Glass
- + Publicity. S. Woon
- + S.A.R. P. Berry, E. Holmes, R. Goldfinch
- + Environment. A. McAdam, J. Berry
- + Truck. G. Robinson, M. Barrett
- + Newsletters. D. Harrington + Pohpkura assistant. P. Berry

The service was held about 11.40 am, later than usual, but there seemed little point in hurrying. There must have been fifty people taking part too. The wreath was laid by our youngest member present, Micheal Wootten. A leisurly half hour followed in which those who had already eaten lunch watched others prepare their delights extraordinaire - crayfish, stirfry lightly marinated in port and soya sauce - then succumbed to the madness of the snowy heights by tobogganning in all sorts of unorthodox positions into the tussocky wastes below. It's amazing just how much fun just a few small slopes of snow can provide.

Folks scattered to the four winds in the afternoon. Some returned via Makahu Spur, anxious to be back for other engagements. Others ventured northwards to North Kaweka, chose a spur by lottery, and spent a most pleasant few hours descending to the side track, thence back to Makahu Saddle. Still others followed me. Which reminds me - some decidedly slanderous remarks were made about the kinds of places I lead people. Must ask the secretary to write to this person.

My party enjoyed a very pleasant few hours too, then a four hours more, descending the delightful Coxcomb Stream.

What a superb wee valley! We spent some five hours savouring it's charms.. two spectacular waterfalls, a number of smaller ones, some of which were negotiated by novel means including clambering down a tree artfully shoved over the brink, and some open areas which were too tempting to pass without a brew up. Only once did we have to negotiate the bush lawyer and scrub - no trouble! Eventually we came across a recently cut track which sidled it's way back to the car park. Thos track is marked with red tapes and exits onto the old four wheel drive track which heads off the left side of the car park.

All in all, an excellent day in good weather and good company. Thanks Geoff for driving.

Leader Russell Perry

Truck party. Mitch Barrett, Peter Berry, Ross Berry, John Giddens, Raymond Fyfe, Jim Glass, Randell Goldfinch, Clifford Holmes, Sue Holmes, Glenda Hooper, Stuart Hills, Sue Keswick

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Gavin McKay, Alan Moat, George Prebble, Ted Sapsford,
Colin Tait, Hamish Tait, David Ross, Robyn Taylor, Stan
Woon, Micheal Wootton, Geoff Robinson (driver)
Others included..

Alan and Kath Berry, Tom Allen with Ursula and Alexandra
and Kym Unwin, Owen Brown with Napier B.H.S., Geoff
Holmes and a scout group.

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Smith's Stream - Ruahines

Trip 1340

November 24th 1985

Alder Road proved interesting with a large deer farm
adjacent and the road required care where small streams
cross. Drizzly rain was falling as we unloaded from the
truck parked in the super bin and started at 8.30 am
up the ridge into the bush. After an easy walk in, by
10.00 am everyone was in Hinerua Hut and having a hot
drink.

Leaving Geoff and the warm hut at 11.00 am the party continued
down to Smith's Stream for lunch at 12 noon. Smith's
Stream was running about 150 mm above normal and a bit
dirty. The weather was overcast with heavy showers and fine
periods with sunshine. After lunch, 1.00 pm, three fussy
ladies returned to Geoff and the remaining seven of us
started off down Smith's Stream.

The first section of gorge was OK with us getting wet
up to the waist. In the next section there was a nasty 10 m
waterfall flowing through a tight gorge, with nowhere to
climb down. We reversed and climbed up on the true right
side by-passing this obstacle, continuing on down stream.
The terrain was really interesting with really neat sections
that required teamwork and care as we pack-floated.
At first the grassed areas were on the true right, we
climbed up, sidling around (downstream direction) into a
large farmed valley, reaching a group of large pine trees,
a hut and yards. From here we headed up to more pines

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N.B. NEW VENUE for 1986 H.T.C. meetings as from January.
Meetings start at 7.30 pm at the Hastings Boys High School,
Karamu Rd South in the first building by the main
entrance.

1986 meetings.

Jan 15th	April 9th
Jan 29th	April 23rd
Feb 12th	May 7th
Feb 26th	May 21st
March 12th	June 4th
March 26th	June 18th

Subscriptions. They are due now

Seniors \$14

Married couples. \$21.50

Juniors. \$10.00

Absentee or associate member. \$6.00

Concession rates for family groups

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We thank WATTIES for their donation of \$500.00

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Social News.

Janet Brown is on holiday in England - have a good
time there!

Tony Alexander - joining the Navy

Chris Jones engaged to Ruth Kitchener, of Bath . A good
souvenir of your travels!

Malcolm & Tracy Ingpen - a son

Greg & Diane Jenks - a son

Luke Holmes is engaged to Robyn Holmes

John Grover - Skiing in Austria after travelling through
Thailand, India, Bengal, Kashmir, London (England?), Greece,
Turkey, Morocco. 2½ years away so far.

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Firelighters.. Jandal offcuts available... very cheap, very
clean... can get them for a "thong"... See Lew

Photo competition results.

Slides.

Graeme Taylor 1st (& 1st overall)

"Sunrise on Ngaruhoe" and 2nd(untitled)

Ross Berry 3rd "Robin"

Prints.

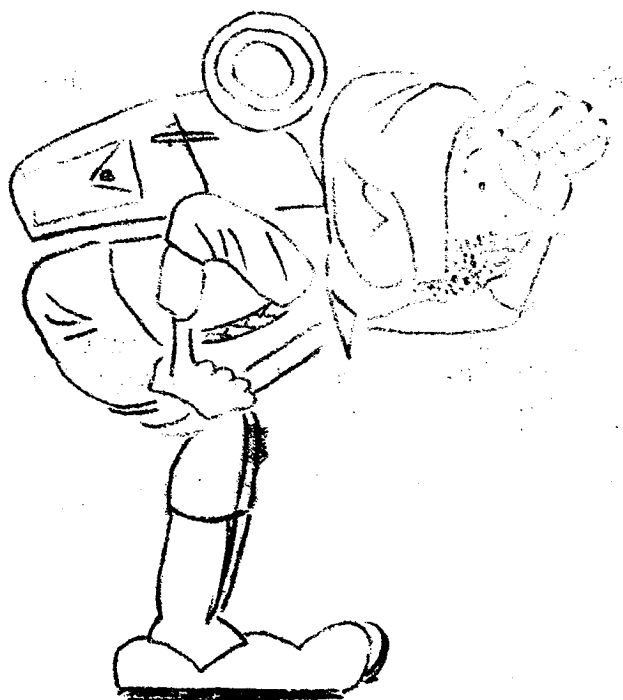
1st Joy Hill "Airbourne"

2nd Glenda Hooper "Below Kiwi Saddle"

3rd Elizabeth Pindar "Quiet Reserve"

Thanks to Sue Holmes and Joy Hill for typing this issue

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL
and
HAPPY TRAMPING in 1986



Hey, Geoff ...
where's Howletts?

Although returning parties usually plan to be out of the bush well before dark, safety considerations must always come first. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take two or more hours to return, plus any unexpected delays. Beginners should make sure that anyone who may worry about them know this. Although it is usually earlier than 10pm, until then there would be no cause for worry. In case of concern, all newcomers should ensure that their contact's phone number is included in the list the leader leaves in town. For enquiries about overdue parties please contact one of the following:

BERRY 777223

PLOWMAN 54303

THORP 434238

FARE/CONFIRMATION & CANCELLATION

FARE: LOCAL; \$10 Senior \$5 Junior member \$8 Sec. School
OTHER; Fare set by Trip leader to cover costs.

You must confirm your intention to take part in the trip by paying the fare NOT LATER THAN THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE TRIP. (Meeting night payment is preferred.)

CANCELLATION: If unable to make the trip, notify the leader beforehand and your fee will be refunded. (On longer trips a portion may be retained if costs have already been incurred.) Rarely does the Club cancel the trip. If in doubt, contact the leader or check at the embarkation point.

FIXTURE LIST.

On many trips, parties may divide to undertake different tasks. Though the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objective may not be for any number of reasons. For pre-trip enquiries you may contact:

RUSSELL PERRY 797158
GEOFF ROBINSON 87863

PETER BERRY 774183
JIM GLASS 778748

N.B. The trips listed below are designed to cater for people of average fitness. Those people wanting to cover more ground should get together on the Wednesday night before the trip and work out their own route from the same leaving point.

DECEMBER 22 TUTAEKURI RIVER - LAWRENCE HUT Fling yourself with Gay A. Bandon (she's a newcomer) over the waterfalls of the Gold Creek, plunge your pinkies into the delightfully warm, streaming torrents of the Tutae kuri hot leak or just sit back and enjoy yourself. Bring your children and barbecue salads because this is the Xmas Party trip.

LEADERS: Social & Exec. Committee.

Maps U20 or N123

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JANUARY 18-19 RAFT TRIP & BATS The raft trip this year is an easy one down the Mohaka River from the Hot Springs to Pakaututu. We will leave at 6.30 pm Saturday night and camp out at Balls Clearing so the naturalists amongst us can view the rare native bats that live there.

LEADER: John Berry 776205

Maps N114 or U20 & V20

FEBRUARY 1-2 WAIKAMAKA HUT A weekend trip to one of our Club huts in the Ruahines. We should be there by early afternoon and

will spend the rest of the day²⁰ exploring the beech forest and native herb flowers near the hut.

LEADER: Edward Holmes 700299 Maps U22 or N140

FEBRUARY 8 - 9 PINUS CONTORTA - TONGARIRO N.P. Spend the weekend destroying this pinetree and make some money for the Club. Always an enjoyable weekend.

FEBRUARY 16 & 15-46: RANGAIKA BEACH TRIP The weekend trip will leave from the Clifton end and walk south, camping at Rangaiika. The day trippers will leave from Ocean Beach and head northwards to meet the others for lunch. After lunch, all will return to Ocean Beach. Plenty of sun, swims & paua.

LEADER Glenda Hooper 774183 Maps N135 or W21 & W22

MARCH 1-2 TRAINING WEEKEND - KURIPAPANGO Saturday will be a fun day practising bush navigation skills in the Boyds Bush - Hoodoo Saddle area while Sunday will be survival skills.

LEADERS: Training Committee. Maps U20 or N123

MARCH 16 TUTAOKURI GORGE The morning will involve a return trip from the Kaweka Hut track up the Tutaokuri River to the waterfalls. In the afternoon, some may go to Kaweka Hut but most will follow the river downstream to the Mackintosh track and then climb out to the carpark.

LEADER: Geoff Robinson 87863 Maps U20 or N123

MARCH 28-31 (EASTER) KAIMANAWA S.F.P. We will do a circuit from Clements Access which will include Cascade Hut, Boyds Hut and Oamaru Hut. A lovely area passing through beech/podocarp forests and open tussock land. Fast party could go to Mangamingi.

LEADER: Peter Berry 774183 Maps N113 & S.F.P. map

APRIL 13 RUAHINES - LONGVIEW A day trip to Longview Hut via a gentle stream route. The return route will be by a spur track.

LEADER: Susan Lopdell 448763 Maps U22 or N 140

APRIL 25-27 (ANZAC W'END) NORTHERN KAWEKAS We will go to Makino Hut for the first night and Ballards Hut for the second night and the rout out will be via Middle Hill Hut. Beech forests and open tops travel predominate. Fast party Ngakawekaiti?

LEADER: Ross Berry 777223 Maps U20 or N113 & N123

MAY 11 RUAHINES - DEAD DOG HUT A day trip from Herricks Hut through regenerating bush and beech forests to Dead Dog Hut. Out by a similar route.

LEADER: Russell Perry 797158 Maps U21 or N133

MAY 25 AWAHOHONU FOREST - WHAKAHU STREAM This is a lovely area of beech and mixed podocarp forest and lots of kakariki. The tramp will start off along the tops but will cut down into the Whakahu Stream for an easy route back

LEADER: Dave Harrington 439999 Maps N114

MAY 31 - JUNE 2 (QUEEN'S B'DAY W'END) TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

JUNE 8 KAWEKAS - KIVI SADDLE HUT

JUNE 21-22 RUAHINES - SPARROWHAWK BIVVY

JULY 6 KAWEKAS - MACKINTOSH HUT

MEETING DATES Starting Jan 1986 all meetings at Hastings B. H. S.
Jan 15,29; Feb 12,26; Mar 12,28; Apr 9,23; May 7,21. Start 7.30 pm