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PRESIDENTS REPORT

My first very pleasant duty as President was to attend a very special afternoon tea in Taradale. Our most senior members, some foundation members who were involved in the Club pre 1939 met for a cuppa and a gossip, and what stories were told! Stan, Jim, Shirley and I met Club characters, most of whom were still very spritely - I wonder if the four of us will look as good in another 50 years. Our own Arch and Joy Lowe were there, and they're still active trampers. It's certainly an activity that gets into the blood and can be enjoyed for many a year. So to all our new members this year, there are some great benefits to tramping and longevity seems to be one! There's also the personal challenge to each and everyone of us, resulting in our personal development and confidence through Club participation.

This year the chips have been down on two occasions. Firstly the day trip that became an overnigher. Those who were on that trip must surely appreciate the Club gear lists as, although everything was worn, a cold night was still had by all.

And then there was the wonderful way, that when the need arose this year, a group in very adverse conditions saved the life of a member - no one person seemed to take charge but all, automatically, filled a role where their contributions proved invaluable. It had to happen sometime; we've chalked up our second helicopter rescue. To those who participated, on behalf of the Club, I thank you. There is strength in numbers and this is probably the very reason, each and everyone of us chose to join the Club.

To the committee, thankyou all for being prepared to be involved and for your valued contributions. And to Dianne who stepped into the Secretarial vacancy, many many thanks for a job willingly and well executed.

To Kath thankyou for typing our updated constitution.

There is one other person deserving of special Club thanks this year. Judy McBride, after 11 years, is giving up being our gear custodian. I wonder how many articles of clothing and gear Judy has washed, dried, polished or oiled in those eleven years? Judy, on behalf of the Club, our many many thanks, and we wish you and Frank many happy years of caravanning in your retirement. Finally to everyone, the Government seems to be trying to change our environment with issues this year being very complex. We, however, know what we want. We take only photographs and leave only footprints. May the Christmas period and the year ahead be filled with safe and rewarding exploration of our wonderful country and long may this privilege remain free.

Joy Stratford

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

The Club has had quite a full programme during the last year. Besides the local trips we had trips to Western Ruahines in great weather, Whanganui National Park, with jet boat ride, Pureora, with one party retracing their footprints the opposite way by mistake, and a Christmas trip to Whakatane River in the Urewera National Park. In February, along with the Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club, we ran our fifth mountain marathon which was a bit wet. Now for some statistics: During the year we had 16 weekend plus trips. Numbers on these trips averaged 15, a slight drop to the previous year. As for day trips, we had 14. Numbers on these averaged 13 which is similar to the previous year. The most popular trip was the Mackintosh trip, 31 in all, led by Christiana and Jim. The least popular trip was to Smith Stream, led by Peter, with nobody going.

Ideally it's nice to have fine weather for our training days. Unfortunately it rained on both days. First one was in December by the Mohaka River which was not too bad but the river was too high for crossing. The second one, an orienteering course in June from Lotkow, was too wet, too windy and too cold for instructing.

Training at Club nights have been held covering subjects of map reading, route finding, tramping gear etc. Trying to retain members interest on these nights can be difficult so I'm looking for a couple of new approaches for this coming year.

Lastly I'd like to thank all the land owners for giving us permission to cross their land. Also many thanks to all you members who make the trips possible and enjoyable in whatever conditions we face.

Thank you
David Harrington.

TRUCK REPORT

Another enjoyable year of trouble free motoring around the North Island tramping country with the truck having covered 9520km to the 20th October when this report was due. 1206kms was travelled over last Christmas to the Whakatane River and surroundings.

Apart from having the radiator recored and the exhaust brakes attended to, plus the one puncture repaired, the truck has performed well.

Some members would like to see the windows lowered to lessen the risk of travel sickness and this may be done in the future, but would require major structural work to be carried out, remembering that the windows were placed high for safety reasons.

I would like, along with the Club members, to thank the other drivers who helped with the truck maintenance, and gave of their time.

Geoff Robinson

HUT MAINTENANCE

During the past year maintenance has been undertaken on both Kaweka and Kiwi Saddle Huts. The high use of both these huts continues to make them high maintenance items and vandalism at Kaweka Hut only impedes progress.

Trips into Howletts Hut found that it was in good condition, but Waikamaka Hut requires further maintenance on its chimney flashing and sky-lights. For the incoming committee, three of the four huts require painting, namely Kaweka, Kiwi Saddle and Howletts.

Maintenance is an ongoing commitment which requires the input of all club members. Assistance was offered and greatly accepted throughout the year, but it still seems to be a never ending task. Hopefully, in future years a register of hut maintenance might be kept so that new committee are able to start straight away.

On the bright side, maintenance trips are always fun and this year was no exception. Thanks to all those for their help.

Wayne Hatcher, Leo Brunton, Doug Rusbatch, Neil Mora, Graham Lawlor (Co-opted)

MEETING REPORT

I would like to thank all those quest speakers, our own members and others who have made our meeting nights as interesting as they were. Trampers seem to be world wanderers and have always got to get their O.E. in before they come home to settle down and I always look forward to their slides and talk. I have booked Christiana in already.

Thanks also to the social and training committees for their input into the meeting nights.

Jim Glass

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

An action year that started with an auction where we raised approximately \$100. We had the Progressive Dinner, the Men's 'Sufferage' tramp to the low spots, the Ascent of Everest at the Heretaunga Club and the bi-annual bike ride. Hope we can equal or better the entertainment next year. Thank-you everybody - those who organised and participated.

Lyn Gentry (Mr)

GEAR REPORT

There has been a lot of changes in the last 11 years since I became Gear Custodian for the Tramping Club. Firstly a lot of members have grown up! When some first came to hire a pair of boots at about 13 or 14 I could hardly find anything small enough, and now are enormous 6 footers with feet to match. Also the packs and boots have changed too. Most people like light soft boots, not stiff heavy "Anson" type boots which were 'just the thing for trampers'. Packs too have altered dramatically. Light, frameless, with waist band, padded shoulders and zip pockets everywhere. "Mountain Mules" are no where near so popular now. Clothes too are lighter with propel taking over from good old wool.

Ten years ago the price of a pair of tramping boots was a good slice out of a weekly pay packet. Today Warehouse boots, while not lasting very long are a cheap way of trying out tramping without spending a fortune. Mass produced packs are the same, so naturally the old style hire gear is not quite so necessary or on demand as it once was. If you actually become 'hooked' on tramping there is plenty of good gear to be bought at the local sports shops though it costs a fortune.

The Club hire gear has had a lot of use by schools, scouts, and private people who have usually been delighted to find a cheap alternative to what once were expensive packs and boots which may be used once only. Mothers of boys whose feet grow rapidly have been especially grateful. So too are people on benefits whose budget would not stretch to even the cheapest gear and the alternative is no trip.

I would like to thank all those members who passed on their outgrown or redundant gear - it has been well used. On the whole trampers are an honest bunch and though I have occasionally had to 'chase' a slow returner, everything has eventually been returned. There has been a few who because they knew the Club had ice-axes and crampons which members were entitled to use used a sneaky method to get hold of them. I doubt they will try that again.

For 11 years the Clubs gear has lived in our caravan, but we now want to use it again and enjoy some holidays away in it so the packs and boots will have to find another home.

Finally, if it hadn't been for my son who 11 years ago said at a Club meeting that his Mother would be Gear Custodian, I probably wouldn't be now enjoying going tramping with the Club and so would have missed out on a lot of fun and fellowship.

Total for the year - \$461.

In order of usage - Schools, private, H.T.C., Scouts.

Judy McBride.

LIBRARY REPORT

We have a few new books in the library - two of Charlie Janes' and 'Touch the Wilderness' about the Paparoas by K. Dash.

Over 33 books were borrowed and we made \$4.40 this year in donations. Please remember the honesty box for a small donation when you take a books out and DON'T forget to put your name and the book title in the notebook when you borrow. I do like to know where things are, but more importantly we can justify buying a few more books if there is a reasonable demand.

Liz Pindar

EDITORS REPORT

I have enjoyed the past year as Editor and hope I have been giving you an interesting magazine.

A big thankyou to those who have supplied me with material over the year. It's a Club magazine and can only be made interesting with input from members. Thankyou for the trip reports that come in on time are fantastic - it certainly makes life easier for me.

Lyn Gentry (Mrs)

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

This has been a very busy year with many controversial issues at stake. These are as follows:

1. Approval N.W. Nelson to forest park status.
2. Lack of control of That and Chamois.
3. H.B. Regional Coastal Policy Statement.
4. N.Z. Coastal Policy Statement.
5. Tangoio Marae for Iwi policies.
6. Preservation Stephen's Island Tuatara and wildlife.
7. Letters to Messrs: Bolger/ Storey/ Marshall re immediate halt to W.C. Logging.
8. Heritage order on Haast Highway forests.
9. Conservation Act to prevent native timbers from being logged for firewood.
10. H.B. Regional Council: Letters by H.T.C. re access sustainable management of lakes.
11. Submissions re Crown Minerals Act and Protected Areas Bill to be put through urgent.
12. Recreational Strategy Management Plan for H.B. Submissions by Glenda Hooper and Wayne Hatcher.
13. Last but not least the 'Queen's Chain' Act which has been obliterated by this Government.

My thanks to Glenda Hooper for much assistance, to Peter and finally Joy. I hope next year will see many of these problems solved but we cannot afford to be complacent and must keep on and on at the Government in power to protect that which is ours by right and by law to keep in perpetuity to hand on to those who love the outdoors and all it stands for. Thank yous also to D.O.C. and Federated Mountain Clubs for their assistance.

Shirley Bathgate

SEARCH & RESCUE REPORT

This year has been fairly quiet with only three searches. The first one was for a missing youth at Te Waka, whom got disoriented in the mist while on a solo afternoon walk. He was located as we arrived at field base. He was OK, although very cold and wet.

The second search was for a solo tramper, Derek Pawson, whom was on a day trip in the Lawrence-Lotkow area. He was located quickly by a reconnaissance search team. He was injured with a broken leg.

The third search was for a man Dale Cornish, overdue from a days trip in the Lotkow Road area. He was located two days later after getting lost while looking for a suitable agriculture area.

Also during the year Graeme Thorp ran two paper exercises that we all found excellent for training.

In October we attended the annual SAREX, held in the Kaweka Range which was based on a mock search using search dogs. A basic snowcraft course was included also.

Lastly, thankyou to those Club members who make themselves available for S&R. Without volunteers like yourselves, it wouldn't be possible.

David Harrington

FMC REPORT

The latest FMC Bulletin contains a number of important articles regarding trends and policies that seem to be coming out of DoC head office.

A disquieting document regarding tourism and the conservation estate has surfaced from the Tourism Board and has been given DoC sanction. Those of you who have seen it will be aware of the pressure to greatly increase the numbers of overseas visitors in the outdoors, particularly on the Great Walks and in the National Parks. Some outdoor recreationalists are starting to worry that the New Zealand user of the conservation estate is at the bottom of the list of consideration by those who are appointed to manage these areas. FMC has documented its concern to DoC.

The last FMC Executive meeting was held before the election. Despite a last minute change of tack on the part of the government regarding the Conservation Amendment Bill No 2 (which includes the now famous Queen's Chain clause) the Exec does not believe that this matter has gone away; it will be raised again once the politicians have sorted themselves out.

Most conservancies have now presented their Conservation Management Strategies and FMC has written submissions on all of them (a huge task when you consider that some of these CMS's run to double volumes and hundreds of pages).

On a more practical note, the new membership card with its discount offers is now available so pay your club sub and get yours. The pack offer has now ended (I might add it was extremely successful) but there is now a line of outdoor clothing available. The jackets I have seen appear to be good quality, so be in. As well there is the usual range of maps and books that members can get.

Another year has nearly finished with lots of good tramping to look back on. I hope everyone has a great summer in the outdoors and is geared up for another year. We still have lots of battles ahead with the bureaucrats and the dollar dreamers. Thanks for your support; Happy New Year to all.

Christine Hardie

From the Media.....

Mountain cedar and pink pine forests will be the focus of a possum eradication campaign starting in a 3000ha block in the Ruahines Ranges. Areas of these trees were chosen because they were susceptible to damage from the animal DoC officer Keith Briden said. These trees had totally collapsed in the Ruahine area because of the damage caused by possums, and rare native land snails have been seen in the area and are being destroyed by possums also. There have also been signs of kiwi and rare plants. The type of control methods to be used had not been decided but a decision would be made after an environmental report had been completed and after talks to user groups and land owners. Work is to be finished by June 1994.

H.B. Herald Tribune

Destruction of native vegetation to make a camp site at Mangatutu hot springs in the Kaweka Forest Park has angered DoC staff. Field centre manager Phil Mohi said damage done to the bush at the road end was the latest bit of vandalism in the park. There had also been incidents where vandals had fired shots through information signs. He said it was a problem in that area but they were noticing it at other road ends, particularly those which have high use with good roads. With summer approaching DoC would appreciate it if adults who took children into the area would supervise them closely and take rubbish home.

H.B. Herald Tribune

CLUB TRIPSMACKINTOSH HUT

Trip No 1589

August 8 1993

Party B.

After dropping Christiana's A team at the Lawrence Road carpark, - all 20 of them, the rest of us headed off to Castle Rock's carpark. Gravity took us down and across the 3 wire bridge, but we had to use leg power to get us up the other side and some of those legs were getting a bit old and creekly, but all in good time we all arrived at the top of the gorge. For 10 minutes we did a bit of compass work checking on some bearings that I had taken the night before at home, and they were about the same. Then it was on to Mackintosh Hut after a bite to eat, and after a look at the new toilet we decided to push on as there was a cold easterly wind blowing. On through the clay pans towards Kaweka Hut not getting lost on the way, and while resting at the track junction just before Kaweka Hut the first of the A party caught up with us. Most of the party went up to the hut while 3 of us went straight out to bring the truck around to Lakes Road carpark.

J.G.

Party B: Jim Glass (Leader), Mike Craven, Heather Hill, Rodger Burn, Arch Löwe, Thomas Lawlor, Joy Stratford, Nigel Brown, Jude Paton, Margaret Jones, Glen Fraser.

RUAPEHU

Trip No 1590

August 19-21 1993

Seventeen members departed Friday evening via Taupo for the Horopito Road end nead Ohakune, arriving about 11.30pm following a brief stop at Turangi for diesel and some "real food" before our departure into the wilderness. We set up the awning on the truck in the paddock beside the access road - three slept in the awning still leaving a relatively cramped night for those in the truck.

Saturday dawned a reasonable looking day which soon became a fine day. The group of 6 to undertake the 26km day ahead departed at 8am and negotiated about 4km of track come watercourse come mudholes before entering beech forest and on to Mangaturuturu Hut for a very early lunch at 11.30am. The day was now sunny, with at times cloud obscuring the very top of Ruapehu, and Doug's binoculars showed how many skiers were up there enjoying the sun. It was here David and Leo tested the hut fire-pump, and unfortunately Doug and Neil were by accident!! in the path of the water jet - they were so happy to get a cool shower!

On up the valley to the "Cascades" - an open rock face with the Mangaturuturu Stream cascading down the centre. The track followed this route and on this day it was dry so posed no problems to climb. Above this point we were into snow and had to make a reasonable climb before traversing across to the Tauroa Mountain Road with a boring walk for about 3km down the tarsealed road to the "Round the Mountain" track again. The next stage was about 3 hours to the Mangaehuehu Hut through heavy bush for the first half, including the Waitonga Falls, and the latter half getting into scrappy bush and open gullies. finally arriving just on 5pm as planned. The other party who had covered the Blyth Track were there to welcome us with a warm hut from an incredibly good log fire.

6am Sunday, and a look outside showed a freeze, snow falling and a light wind. After assessing the demands of the trip 5 (not 100% well) members decided to return to the Tauroa Mountain Road where I had arranged for the truck to be there until 1pm. After a quick demonstration on the use of an ice axe (hopefully later a suitable place to do some "practical") the remaining members departed at 8am. After an hour or so the shelter of the bush was gone as we pressed on in open alpine surroundings and consistent snow, the weather was reasonable with about 2-4° and a wind of about 15-20 knots, and variable

visibility. The snow was soft to firm crust so was reasonable to keep a fair pace. A steep slope was negotiated down into the Waihianoa River and a steel girder bridge, and a good climb up the other side and on towards Rangipo Hut. About halfway up the 500M slope to the hut Craig slowed down and was concerning us, and within 10 minutes was needing assistance from Doug and myself. Within half an hour he was unconscious! Behind the biggest rock we could find, with blowing snow and ice and a minus 10-15° wind chill Heather, Doug and myself got his boots off and got him into a sleeping bag. The hut was only about 300M away fortunately, and with help from the others and a mattress cover to put Craig into to assist us we managed to get him to the hut - from the first sign of problems to the hut probably took about 1 hour. With hypothermia suspected a change of warm dry clothes was effected and sleeping bags and persons to keep him warm.

Meanwhile, with my handheld VHF amateur band transceiver I was able to raise help with another amateur radio operator in Foxton via a repeater station high in the ranges behind Taihape. Gwen, the Foxton operator called the Waiouru Police, who called the Wanganui Police (H.Q. for SAR in that region) who also worked with the Ohakune Police. They were originally sending a chopper from Palmerston North, but I understand they changed this to the "N.Z.Rail" Taupo machine (Squirrel) as they were unsure as to ice conditions as to whether they may have to use the winch while hovering rather than landing. Gwen called back several times to give, and get further information, and advise on ETA's for the chopper which arrived at 3.30pm. Through my radio contacts I was able to organise for Ross Berry to call Craig's family, and he also phoned the Tukino Snowfield and via their cellphone their 4WD truck driver was able to contact our truck driver and party to let them know the situation.

It was a very serious and worrying time for me, having an unwell member is one thing, but unconscious for 3 hours under our care was something else! I was quite relieved to see him away and with the experts. On board the chopper were pilot, paramedic and DoC Ranger from Ohakune. Our next concern was getting to our destination by nightfall, and we made it to the Tukino access road with about 15 minutes of daylight left, but still had about 45 minutes down this road to our transport where the ice finished. We arrived at the truck about 7pm and fortunately they had hot water on stoves to thaw our iced up bootlaces in order to remove boots! We arrived at Taupo hospital about 9pm and was pleased to see our patient awake and alive. The main problem was hypoglycemia or low blood sugar (the lowest the Dr had seen!) probably to some degree caused by flu he had recovered from a week before, and plain fatigue - a degree of hypothermia was evident but probably a secondary problem caused by the main problem. After fuelling up (truck and passengers) we arrived back at Havelock North about 1.30am and bed for me about 2am.

Thankyou to all for a good trip, and especially to those helping at the critical stage of handling the situation - getting Craig to the hut and attending to him while I was using my radio for assistance. Also thanks for your patience considering our late arrival back, and to our driver Mike for getting us there and back safely.

J.M.

Points to consider:

1. Despite instructions given, members strayed ahead - had the hut been kilometres ahead then those ahead would have been of no use in an emergency.
2. It is difficult to make a judgement on a persons suitability to undertake a trip, especially when a person is usually very able.
3. Had conditions on day 2 been very icy eg. after a hard frost and then a dull cold day, crampons would have been a necessity in order to keep to time.
4. The importance of having adequate food and snacks during the day.
5. The desirability of being competent in outdoor firstaid.

Party: John Montgomerie (Leader trip 1), David Harrington, Craig Shaw, Neil Mora, Doug Rusbatch, Leo Brunton, Sue Lopdell (Leader trip 2), Dianne & Graham Lawlor, Glen Fraser, Christine Hardie, Gloria Taula, Lyn Gentry (Mrs), Garry Smith, Graham Shephard, Anke Knigtmans, Heather Jackson, Truck Party: Mike Craven & Joy Stratford.

Party 2.

After farewelling the other party we drove to Ohakune and parked the truck outside the Ranger's Office where our leader went in to notify Headquarters of the number in our parties and our intentions. Our first small walk was the Mangawhero Bush Walk which stretched our legs for the tramp which would be off the Mountain Road up through the Blyth Track to Mangaehuehu Hut. We started off up Blyth Track at 10.30am, and the track was full of ruts and timber walkways with water flowing like a small stream in places. Moving higher up we came across small patches of snow and eventually we came upon the Waitonga Falls, and it was here that we had our lunch after making our way down to the stream. From there it was up and down through more snow and mud until Mangaehuehu Hut came into sight, and time was about 4pm. This hut sleeps 24, had very nice mattresses and a terrific fire place with rake hanging above for drying wet clothes. After sorting out bunks we busied ourselves while waiting for group 1 to arrive. With darkness not far off we prepared our meals, - the variety was surprising, most meals were simple, some not and one member on making his way to a bench stool missed his footing and the well prepared meal hit the floor. The rest of the evening was filled with jokes and stories with some causing peels of laughter.

Sunday morning arrived with snow falling making the bush and scrub very mysterious. The group continuing around the mountain set off while the rest of us, comprising of 5 members swept out the hut, stood the mattresses up and generally tidied up then set off shortly later the way we had come in, hopefully to meet up with the truck on the Mountain Road. Our walk back was very pretty with lots of snow on the ground and more continuing to fall for most of the morning. On reaching the Blyth Track junction we headed for the road where we were met by Joy walking up the road, and in the distance we saw Mike with the truck. Returning to Ohakune we changed from our tramping gear, stowed away our packs and headed for a nice place where we enjoyed a tasty meal. Later, returning to the truck we made our way to the Tukino Snowfield Road to meet the other party coming out.
G.S.

WATERFALL HUT

Trip No 1592

September 18-19 1993

Remembering my previous trip to Waterfall Hut I, and possibly along with others, were naturally hoping for good weather, and hoped for this time round it would be different?! Ah well, I suppose to a point it was, just the rain was a little wetter! I knew there was something I had been missing out on while I was away - I just couldn't quite put my finger on it.

Nine of us left Triplex Hut carpark and opted for going up and over, then going into and up the Waipawa River right away. This (for some) gave the optional comfort of keeping the boots dry which was an added bonus, for once we got up onto the saddle with intentions of wanting to do the tops they were all covered in snow. Seeing the weather wasn't going to let us go along the tops on our way in we trundled on to Waikamaka Hut, which gave us good shelter for a lunch stop. From here it was on and up over Rangi Saddle and down into Rangi Creek before coming to the Kawhatau River, and Waterfall Hut being not far upstream from here. At this point and place even those with the best ability of boulder hopping had to give in and get wet feet because the river is just too wide and deep. But no, Dave painstakingly takes his boots off, wades across, and slips back into his nice dry boots on the other side. Well, that's all fine and well worth the effort, if it hadn't have been for his last step across Waterfall Creek when he slips, and so manages to arrive just like the rest of us - with wet feet.

Camp was set up with 5 sleeping out leaving heaps of room for 4 of us who didn't with the space of a 6 bunk hut. In the morning we woke up to a real good dusting of snow, which was all very nice, but it left us with no other option

other than having to go back out the same way that we had come in which certainly wasn't what we and our leader had intended to do. Never mind, lunch was enjoyed at Waikamaka, with Heather eating some brown stuff which was supposed to be bread, but when she asked me to translate the ingredients written on the packet in German for her, we sadly (or Craig did I should say) realised that it was only edible for animals.

All in all another successful trip, (despite having nightmares from heat exhaustion and being blinded by sunshine!). Thanks for a good time to all those who came along and thanks for your efforts as leader Dave.
M.M.

Party: Dave Harrington (Leader), Leo Brunton, James Chittenden, Heather Jackson, Gloria Taula, Doug Rusbatch, Anne Cantrick, Martin Mallow.

BOUNDARY STREAM/OPUAHI LAKE

Trip No 1593

September 3 1993

On the early morn 23 trampers left for Boundary Stream. 6 of the group were new members. The day was superb, fine with little cloud. We ambled through the lovely bush consisting of Kanuka, Mahoe, Rangiora and Rewarewa. There are also large Rimu and Matai trees. We all enjoyed the various outlooks from rock promontories down into deep gorges, and there are also many fine sandstone cliffs.

We lunched at the foot of Shine's Falls which were most impressive with plenty of water flowing over. These are named after George Shine who came to the East Coast in the 1920's and gave the reserve to the Crown to keep in perpetuity. Young Thomas was the only keen member to take to the water but did not stay in for long. Out to the truck which Mike had kindly left at the Heay's access end and then it was off to Lake Opuahi - a small gem of a lake just off the road. Some walked to the top of the ridge while some circumnavigated the lake, the "keen" fishermen fished and some just sat and enjoyed the beauty of it all. A very pleasant trip and thankyou Mike for making it so.

S.B.

Party: Mike Craven (Leader), Darren Sager, Lady Lyn, Gloria Taula, Dianne, Graham & Thomas Lawlor, Margaret & John Jones, Susan Lopdell, Gary Smith, Philip Lavery, Kathy & Eileen Turner, Helen Ward, Al Moffitt, Rodger Burn, Joy & Arch Lowe, Bing Potts, Dan Lewis, Paul Heaps, Lyn Hall, Glenys Taylor, Shirley Bathgate.

KAWEKA -KAIMANAWA

Trip No 1595

October 22-25 1993

A team of 9 left Napier at 4.30pm Thursday 21st. Thanks very much to Geoff Clibborn who drove us up to the track to Makino. About 6.45pm it was out of the truck and the temperature had dropped about 8°C from Napier. Off we went and needed our torches for about the last 3/4 hour into Makino Hut. The hut has been rebuilt, 6 bunks and a new verander. The poor hunter residing thought he had it all to himself, but he was a good guy called 'Wayne' and as a result it blew and rained like hell that night. Four tented and the rest of us in the hut.

Beautiful morning on Friday but cold up on the ridge, and then it was down to the river, over the 3 wire bridge, and there it was - the Mangaturutu Ridge. When we all got to the top 2½ hours later "Mangaturuted" we had an hour long lunch and then it was off to Te Puke - just 2 50M climbs or so ! The sign said 2½ hours, but it was 4 hours later that we made the hut, and much more than

2 50M climbs (which became a bit of a joke for the rest of the tramp). That was a 10 hour day and for a good sleep we all crammed into the hut that night.

In 1990 Stan flew into Te Puke and left a food drop for Lyn, but his trip never eventuated and so never got to it. Well, I thought he had found a pot of gold, but no, it was stew, creamed corn and peaches, and it was like opening Tutencarmans Tomb. Also in the hut was a very large tin of fruit salad, so together we all had fruit salad and peaches. The stew was also opened and examined and as one meat inspector said "I wouldn't give it to my dog, but it would be alright for Lyn" - not very much was eaten. I am was the next encounter when 4 all went outside together holding hands, bare feet in the frost - perhaps it was the stew.

Away by 7.30am into the frost and bitter tops, frozen ears and finger tips and down to Harkness in approximately 2 hours. Harkness Hut has all been rebuilt; bunks, sink, windows, lined and a new veranda - beautiful, and the best of all the huts on the tramp. On up the Harkness Valley to Tussock Hut for lunch and what a beautiful day it was. The last leg for the day was on over the saddle towards Boyds. 1km before the airstrip we saw a plane circle and then land. There were the 3 of us together at this stage, Dave, Lyn and Doug, and boy did the pace pick up, especially when we saw 2 foreigners get out, and with the thought of them beating us to the bunks the pace even got to a jog. They bet us to the hut by about 2 minutes! Having arrived there about 3.15pm Doug was off for a shave after shave, deodorant, wash, powder and a change of clothes. Having been in the bush for 3 days even I was starting to fancy him, then I realized he had a friend in Rodger's party that was in for a treat. Their team arrived in from Cascade and we were chocka block.

Next morning we were off to Oamaru - another beautiful morning and easy track and arrived there for lunch. The hut was chocka but no-one was actually there. On the bed were 3 cans of beer - guess what we did? We had a choice - drink them and sign the log book Napier Tramping Club, then run, or each place a finger on them and try to absorb some through the finger tips. Well, you'll never know. After lunch off up the river for 1½ hours to look for a camp site and what a beauty Dave found - one of the best ever, and it fitted 9 tents perfectly. About this time Anne required special attention - she had her tent put up, a cup of tea and chocolate biscuits supplied and many other unexpected niceties. The following morning breakfast in bed - a bacon buttie - that's another story, but do feel free to ask Anne anytime. Doug went fishing for 3 odd hours but it was Dave that eventually caught a fish, by mistake, and he was just filling his billy. We had a roaring fire that night and blew the dust off the old song book with a 1 3/4 hour sing song - great night never to be forgotten.

The last morning dawned another beautiful day and all went out together with Rodger's party to Clements Road. Lyn and Dave walked 50 minutes up the road to Sika Lodge where the truck was in safe keeping, and thanks to Christine for driving home.

Thankyou team for putting up with me for 5 days, as the weather was absolutely perfect, the company superb and the territory beautiful. We would venture to suggest our most memorable tramp.

D.R. & L.G.

Party: Lord Lyn Gentry (Leader), Doug Rusbatch, Anne Cantrick, Sue Lopdell, Christine Hardie, Bruce Almond, Dave Cormack, Gary Smith, Henry Cornes.

KAIMANAWAS - Party B

A party of 7 left Ross's house 6am Friday, picking up Leo en route and arrived at Clements Road end at 10am. The target for the first night was Cascade Hut and the first hour or so was very easy stopping to look at a couple of

waterfalls en route. Thereafter the hard work started climbing 500 M to the top of the ridge for lunch and views of the surroundings, Lake Taupo and the ranges. It was pretty cold on the tops when you weren't moving and we rapidly moved on down the ridge to the Tauranga Taupo River, then following the river to where we had a good view of Stansfield Whare where Leo and Rodger were keen to see the whare but as it was occupied by hunters, we settled for photos. We arrived at Cascade Hut at 5.45pm and fortunately this tidy 6 berth hut was empty and we soon had our tea underway and the fire blazing - some used the hut, some camped.

Saturday 23rd:

A late start (8.30am) beautifully clear day had us ambling along close to the Cascade Stream pausing at some of the scenic spots and then climbing over the Waiotupuritia Saddle and down to the flats for a leisurely lunch not far from the airstrip. The track down the north arm got a bit confused at times and quite boggy with most of us literally putting our foot in it. This part would have been quite unpleasant after a period of rain. Crossing the Ngaruroro just after the junction, we tried to find the pack track shown on the map, but carried with relatively easy travel arriving at Boyds at 5.30pm to find Mr Lyn's team well settled in and hot water waiting for us. A tiring but very interesting day with some of us having minor problems with blisters, but it was good to swap tales with both teams. Boyds was full to overflowing with our teams and a few hunters, so cooking was a little chaotic at times.

Sunday 24th:

We left at 8am, (must be the influence of the fast lot) another great day, crossing the river and over the saddle and through an incredibly beautiful track along the Oamaru River, the stands of magnificent Mountain Beech, boulders and fallen logs covered in moss and just everything seemed to be coloured green. A number of creeks were traversed by walking over slippery moss covered fallen beech trunks which Heather showed great skill and balancing, the others a bit more cautious. Travel was fast along this route, heaps of beautiful camping sites were noted on the way and we stopped for lunch in the sun on the flats and then on a well marked route to the Oamaru Hut for a look see (the hut was fully occupied by Scouts). We left Oamaru Hut at 1.45pm still with plenty of energy. Lyn's party were about 90 minutes ahead of us and we tramped up through easy country for another hour along the Kaipo River noting Lyn's little messages left on trees. We arrived at a great camp site they had found on the banks of the river just 1km or two south of the footbridge. Tents were soon erected and as it was still early at 3.15pm we had plenty of time for smokos and a very pleasant afternoon. Doug went off fishing for a couple of hours, but unfortunately had no luck. After tea we had a bit of a sing-song led by Mr Lyn and most were in bed by 9pm.

Monday 27th

The influence of the faster party was now becoming evident as most of us had packed up and left by 7.15am. Again easy travel along the banks crossing over by the footbridge and then an easy climb over a good track which sidled a lot with very few steep parts, arriving at Te Iringa Hut at 10.15am where most of us took early lunch and enjoyed the sun. It was literally all downhill from here, arriving at the truck at 11.45am. Special thanks to Ross for driving us up there and Mrs Lyn for bringing Ross home.

R.B.

Party: Rodger Burn (Leader), John & Margaret Jones, Gloria Taula, Judy McBride, Heather Jones, Leo Brunton, Jenny Lean.

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Why is the person who snores always the first to fall asleep?

Readers Digest

TOP MAROPEA HUT

Trip No 1594

October 16 1993

By 0750 Hrs sixteen of us were on the track from Triplex carpark and headed for Sunrise Hut and then on to Top Maropea Hut. Bing, Ross and Sarah were to follow later and make their way to Sunrise Hut in a more leisurely way. It is nice to see Bing tramping again after his operation.

Arriving at Sunrise Hut at 0945 Hrs we found the weather had not improved from when we had started, with lots of mist and damp chilliness in the air. We rested and snacked for approximately 20 minutes before heading out across Armstrong Saddle all toggged up with extra gear to protect us against the very cold wind blowing directly across from Te Atua Oparapara. Fortunately the wind did not last long, and the mist also lifted to give us sunshine and fabulous views all round. These pleasant conditions were to remain for the rest of the day.

About an hour out from Sunrise we dropped down an interesting ridge track to Top Maropea Hut where we all enjoyed lunch on a flat grassy area, and by 1230 Hrs we were all back again on the tops, ready for the return journey. At this stage the party of 16 split in two; one lot headed back to Sunrise Hut and out via Triplex, the rest of us along the ridge and then down the scree slopes into the North Arm of the Waipawa River. The scree slopes proved very popular - especially for the five new chums in the party. The North Arm journey was not very difficult and quite interesting for boulder hoppers and soon we were in the Waipawa River heading down to the road to be back at the truck by about 1600 Hrs. Not long afterwards everyone had wandered out and by all accounts everyone enjoyed the trip mainly because the weather was so kind to us.
L.B.

Party: Leo Brunton (Leader), Anke Knegtman, Darren Sayer, Lady Lyn, Bing Potts, Doug Rusbatch, Gloria Taula, Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Susan Lopdell, Kathy Turner, David & Paul Heaps, Dan Lewis, Ricardo de Treend, Glenda Hooper, Sue Pilling.

BOYDS BUSH

Trip No 1596

October 31 1993

Fourteen left Holts at 6am travelling to Timahanga Station. On finding the homestead empty we went down to the woolshed area, then the tractor bay and shearer's quarters, finally finding the way in to the parking area. Actually got away at 8.30 casually moving along to Boyd's cottage. Gave it the once over and pondered in all its history.

Found the track towards Hoodoo Saddle and divided into two groups where the track went off into the stream. Dave's party of Kyle, Dianne, Graham, Thomas, Lyn and Heather wandered down quite a good track for a while and then mystery - no track or sign of one at all. After a bit of exploring and bearing taking we came out on a shingle road which lead down to a shingle pit. Had a small break and then bush-bashed into the Kakakino Stream which was at that stage just a trickle. The vegetation, the rocks and general condition of this stream was quite interesting, and even though the slippery rocks and mingimangi got the better of some of us the area was very interesting. Some areas were very lush and others barren and rocky - lovely flowers and mosses, and then slips and manuka. Came across a couple of small but pretty waterfalls and the cameras came out. The rocks in the stream were slippery and we blamed the algae, so got a couple of poles to help us along. Some took to the banks and took flying lessons into the river.

Lunch was taken in a lovely manuka grove - it was really beautiful and water flowing over rocks added to the atmosphere and it was here Dave went fishing.

Of course there had to be waterfalls on Dave's trip and we had to sidle round one which turned into two with quite steep banks. Some decided to have a swim and very bravely did so stating that it was quite refreshing! The river opened up a bit and we made our way down to the road to get the truck and meet the others. A pleasant easy day.
G.L.

Party: Dave Harrington, Graham, Dianne & Thomas Lawlor, Kyle Johnson, Heather Jackson, Lyn Hall.

Party B

I have read reports in the Pohokuras of trips there over the years of the club tramps and was intrigued as to just what this area was like so nothing was getting in my way when I saw a trip planned for there. Trouble was that when we got there Dave, our leader, wasn't heading anywhere near Hoodoo Bush, but going down a stream. Glenda and Sue came to my rescue when they also decided they'd like to see Hoodoo Bush, and by the time we'd arrived at the junction where Dave's party departed we also had three keen guys with us. We wandered along a 4 wheel drive track in very impressive bush for some time until we hit a wall of bush-bashing material. It was here that the maps and compasses came out in earnest, and after putting one of the gentlemen in front (he had longs on) we directed him to push his way through - lawyer and all. We weren't quite sure when we got to the saddle, but with bearings set and maps out we aimed for a scrubby area on the edge of the bush and hey presto, we hit it dead on. We'd done it without a moment of worry and by now the area wasn't so thick apart from some windfall areas. Craig found us a great sunny spot for lunch before the attempt at finding the track along the top, and it wasn't too long before we were in the tussock on the tops. Views were magnificent and we stood for some time in a keen wind picking out landmarks.

Now that we were all on the tops it was all downhill and quite safe to put our maps away - or so we thought. In our haste we missed a turning in the track and sailed forth onto the wrong ridge. A couple of us had a feeling that things weren't right so after some time we back-tracked and found where we'd slipped up. We weren't far from the bottom when we saw the truck picking up Dave's party and we were back at the truck after a most enjoyable and satisfying day.

L.G.

Party: Glenda Hooper, Sue Holmes, Craig Shaw, Darren Sayer, Glen Fraser, Lady Lyn.

Refer Pg 19 for THE HOODOO OF BOYD'S BUSH" Pohokura April 1950

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OBITUARY - Ian Powell

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Ian Powell. Ian, along with Norm Elder were the original founders of the H.T.C. They met on the Hastings Railway Station, both had a pack on their backs and so they got talking. Ian had an Austin Seven car and after a few weekends they gathered some locals together and formed the H.T.C. in 1935. It was Ian who found Armstrong's plane on what is now named Armstrong's Saddle. Ian, although small in stature had a wealth of knowledge in the mountains and was always listened to by all. Ian was in Hastings on transfer and shortly went back to Wellington where he became a life member of the Tararua Tramping Club - the home of the famed Tararua biscuits. Powell Hut in the Mt. Holdsworth area is named after Ian. Ian and his wife Enid attended our Golden Jubilee in 1985 and we thoroughly enjoyed their company. To those of us who knew Ian I am sure his soul will still be tramping the mountain track in all weather.

FAMILY TRAMPSTRIPLEX HUT

September 12 1993

The sun was shining as the curtains were opened and it looked like it was going to be a lovely day. The closer we drove toward the Ruahines the windier it got, and from a distance it was obvious we were heading into the low cloud hugging the ranges. As we passed through the gates along the road the rain was coming down, and by the time we got to the carpark down by the river we wondered why we had left behind a spring day to go tramping in the rain with our children.

We followed the swamp track towards Triplex Hut under the cover of the forest. Some of us managed to get to the hut before a heavy shower moved in. Everyone eventually arrived at the hut for lunch and we waited for the rain to blow over. We abandoned our original plan to head up the Sunrise track and after some pondering over the map we decided to visit a nearby reserve for afternoon tea. On our arrival we noticed the numerous warning signs of cyanide in the reserve, and a new plan was needed, so it was below the bridge on Highway 50 for the 2 birthday cakes - Natalie Berry aged 2, and Josie Boland, 30 something. We all had a good time even though the weather let us down.

Heather & Hamish Thurston; Daniel, Donna & Natalie Berry; Nana Pat; Claire & Glen Holmes; Erika & Conal Bristow; Tammy & Libby Boaler & their parents.

HAVELOCK NORTH RESERVES

July 1993

We all met at the Keirenga Railway and had a ride or two on the trains to start the day, and eventually we all arrived at the Keith Sand's Reserve to have lunch on the grass beside Mangarau Stream, with the great attraction for the day being Conal's 3rd birthday cake. After lunch we went into the Tainui Reserve, first walking up through the trees to the water tanks then descending down the grassy ridge back to the valley. In doing this two of our younger members managed to do the classic trick of taking the wrong turnoff when walking between two groups. However, they were quickly found with very few tears spilt. We then returned to the cars via the Tainui Drive and had a cup of tea at Lucknow Road.

Jean Cruickshank with Auntie Kay Ward; Catherine & Stacey Cook; Rianna Jackson; Heather & Avril Turvey; Jessica, Steven & Kimberley Dodd; Claire & Glen Holmes; Erika & Conal Bristow; Tammy & Libby Boaler; Ben & Edan Lennan; Daniel, Donna & Natalie Berry plus Mums & Dads.

BALL'S CLEARING

October 10 1993

Family trampers have had several previous excursions through Ball's Clearing but these have been at dusk so that we could view the long-tailed bats which reside near the clearing. This time we thought it would be nice to see the bush rather than stumble through it in the dark. Well worth seeing it is too. A really delightful example of virgin podocarp forest of Rimu, Kahikatea, Matai, Miro and Red Beech.

Having completed the Ball's Clearing walks by early afternoon we headed for Hutchison Scenic Reserve - situated behind the DoC base at Puketitiri. By this time our numbers had increased by two. Peter and Eddie were no longer required on the search based at Lotkow and were dropped off to their families by obliging members of N.Z. Police with the accompaniment of flashing lights and blaring sirens. After a quick amble around the regenerating trees of the fire damaged area and a wishful look at the virgin, but untracked stand

of trees further to the east we headed back to Puketapu for a late afternoon tea.

A warm welcome to the two new families - David, Karen, Hannah & Brendon McDonald; Robyn, Richard, Laura & Frazer Oram..
The other families were the Dodd's, McMillans, Hooper-Berry's; Boland-Bristow's; Thurston's; & Holmes along with nana Pat & Heidi Stevens.

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THIRD GENERATION TRAMPER

Over the hill from Taradale,
All of eighty metres high,
My three year old,
He says to me,
"Look Mum, the Kawekas
Up there - in the sky!"

Glen Holmes, & passed to Ed. by Mum & Sue

FIXTURES LIST - FAMILY TRAMPS

New Year:

2 or 3 day camp at Makahu Saddle.

Contact: Glenda Hooper 8774183

January 23 :

A'Deans Bush & Advoca Stream

Contact: Heather Boaler 8774698

February 20:

Maraetotara Stream to Cascades

Contact: Sue Holmes 8446032

March 20:

Dodd's Farm

Contact: Mandy McMillan 749712

April 20:

Triplex Creek Area

Contact: Karen Thurston 8776396

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From the Media.....

About 67 hectares of land near Ahuriri Estuary was revested in the Crown in mid November.

The land, formerly owned by the Napier City Council, includes islands in the Pandora Pond area and an area on the south side of the channel to the Poraiti foothills. It will now be managed by DoC.

Terry Pellet, for DoC said "This sort of land has high conservation value as it often serves as a buffer zone between sensitive areas such as the estuary and activities carried out on the surrounding land. The revestment also secures public access to these areas". This action, a result of discussions and the Dept. comes about under the Harbour Board Dry Land Endowment Revestment Act 1991.

H.B. Herald Tribune.

DoC firefighters fought a fire 3km downstream from Boyds Lodge that had been burning for almost 24 hours in October. DoC officer Terry Pellett said 70-80 hectares of kanuka scrub and beech forest had been burned. The fire was attacked from the air by three helicopters using monsoon buckets and two fixed wing bombers. Light rain began falling during the night and was still falling as ground parties entered to dampen hot spots on the fringes in the remote area on the Kaweka side of the Ngaruroro River and Gold Creek confluence. The cause of the fire was unknown at this time but there is a 12 month restricted fire season in the area.

H.B. Herald Tribune

PRIVATE TRIPS

The major achievement was getting Ted to agree to 2 nights away from the farm, and with the essentials of farm work done we left home at noon on Friday 22 October leaving the crowds to the Show. We joined 5 other cars at the mill and walked up the Makaroa River to Gold Creek. There were plenty of hares to keep the dog busy and a strong head wind to keep us holding onto our hats. We ignored the ridge option and walked up Gold Creek to Gold Creek Hut. There were sufficient slips and grassy patches to stop at that I managed to read the first chapter of my spy thriller. The aim of the trip was for relaxation - for Ted to hunt (successfully) and me to read my book and admire the scenery. I also managed to make 3 Christmas presents.

It was breezy but sunny all of Friday and Saturday with infrequent light showers on Saturday evening. The hut is small but very light from a perspex roof. The stove is easy to light and produced lots of heat, and I even stocked up the wood pile. On Sunday morning with pack lightened by some bread, marg and pasta, and the space filled with hind quarters, we set off on the return journey. It was on this journey that these notes were formed: -

1. Water is very cold in the morning - my feet were numb. It gets marginally warmer with the excitement that you're thigh deep for a reason - flushing trout out for Ted to stun. He missed.
2. A slightly heavier pack makes all the difference to balance and strength. On numerous occasions we pack the little luxuries in thinking we can carry the weight. So might we be able to, but how much more surefooted are we if we just keep the weight down? Unless you intend spending the entire tramp in a strong wind +/- a deep river, extra weight is a hinderance. Sorry, I know it's womens suffrage and all that, but we aren't made like men, so keep the essentials in but the extras out. I certainly had more difficulty keeping my balance and know the difference.
3. Don't be pigheaded about your abilities - know your limitations before you get to them. I debated this while stamping my foot behind Ted's disappearing back, having extricated myself from an upside down position between a log and the water. No way was I going to admit defeat! Fine, I didn't have to but the point is - it's easier to say "Can you slow down a touch?" or "the bank is slippery, can you give me a hand up?" than waste energy or slip because you are hurrying, unfit or just struggling under an extra haunch of venison. I suspect Ted noticed after the umpteenth bum slide and slowed down.
4. If you have a mut with you keep a close eye on it - there's 1080 in them thar hills and dogs don't seem to notice when there's choice dead possum wafting on the wind.
5. Don't boulder hop, or worse, dead tree trunk hop in Gold Creek - it's the slipperiest place on earth. Wet feet are easy. A wet bum and broken ankle are a pain.

Well, by the time I'd pondered on these points and on the beauty of the area - Kowhai, running water, greenery, I was back on the Makaroro River bed, and just to bring me back to earth there were over a dozen cars at the mill, one of whom belonged to H.T.C. members, and a big Wellington T.C. bus.

Kay Ward

To make life easier Kay, next time (if there is one???) take a pack horse, and better still, if it was me, I'd ride it! - Ed.

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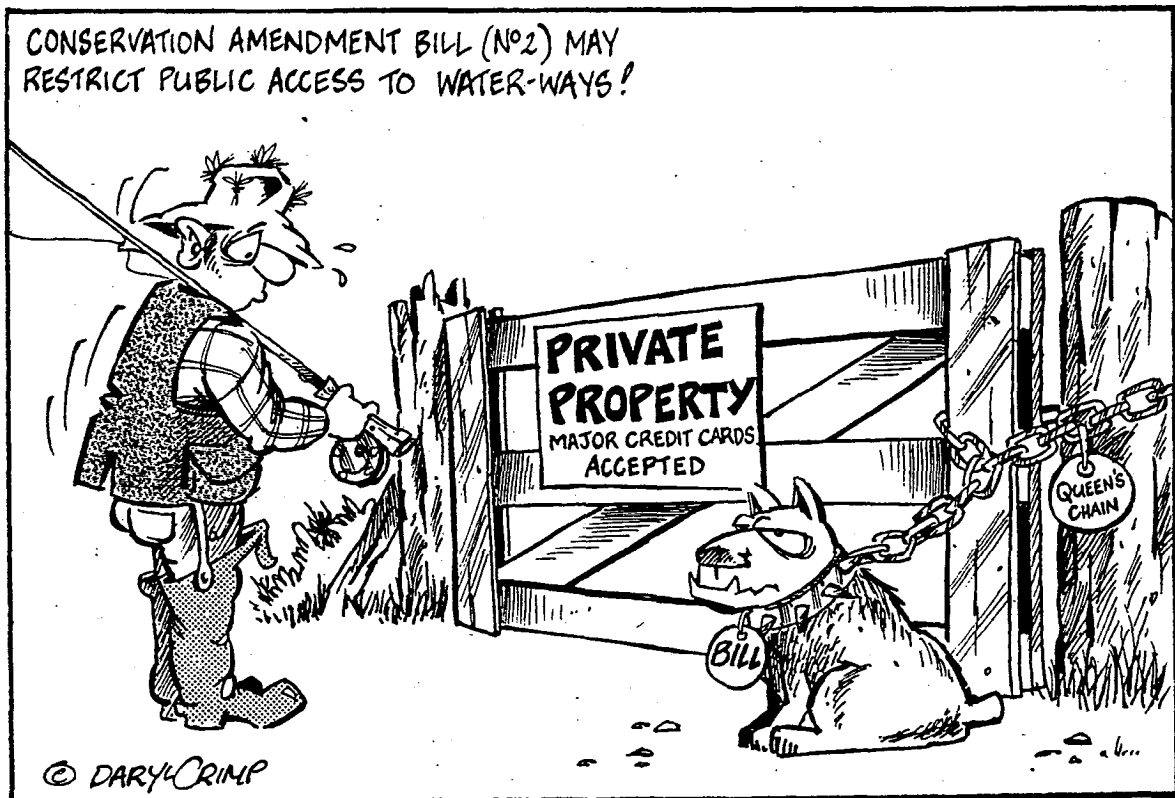
Heard there had been a few feeling travel sick on a recent trip. Couldn't resist this Readers Digest joke.....

Steward to seasick passenger: "Do you want me to bring your dinner to the cabin, or shall I throw it overboard now?"

QUEEN'S CHAIN — ACCESS N.Z.

Some facts about the Queen's Chain:

- A. This was incorporated into the Land Act 1892 and even as far back as 1851 when the Chief Surveyor of Canterbury, Thomas Cass, on behalf of Queen Victoria, decreed that a one-chain strip of land from the surveyed edges of lakes and larger rivers should be reserves as access ways.
- B. The intention to reserve access to waterways was incorporated in the Land Act and consolidated in subsequent Land Acts up to the 1948 Act, which provides for the setting aside of a marginal strip upon the alienation or other disbursement of Crown Land.
- C. The main reason for continuing this affirmation of our rights is to prevent foreign and N.Z. investors and racketeers from building on these areas and shutting them up from the public.
- D. Public Lands Coalition's Position.
 1. Removal of all powers of closure to public access.
 2. When any lands adjoining Crown Lands are intended for sale retain the marginal strips.
 3. Retain the Dept. of Conservation as the manager of marginal strips on behalf of all N.Z. people.



MOD CONS COLD COMFORT

Some 2000 metres up Mt Ruapehu, near the top of the Whakapapa skifield, is an alpine hut which once upon a time was pretty much the exclusive preserve of the serious mountaineer. About a year ago, when the skilifts were electrified, some bright spark decided the hut should have the power on too. So nowadays serious adventurers can rarely get in the door for school parties, day trippers et al.

A week or so ago two trampers arrived at the Delta Ridge hut to find the power off and called (probably on a cellphone) the local power board, King Country Energy, to report the fault. Whether the repair crew climbed the mountain (at least an hour and a half's solid slog) or whether they rode up by chairlift is not revealed. But when they got there they found the power switched off at the main, as it should be.

The New Zealand Alpine Club, which owns the hut, reports that the repair crew's comments in the hut book "reflected their frustration" (politely put?) and threatened that a "big bill" would be forthcoming.

THE HOODOO OF BOYD'S BUSH

Friday the thirteenth was the date on which the Hoodoo of Boyd's Bush was finally laid and the corpse can now be pinned out on a map for all to see. Arch will remember a day party over Te Aringa that crawled home at 2am. Geoff Piesse, not to mention the Otaihape T.C., one pouring evening with night coming on and the stream running the wrong way.

The key to Boyd's Bush is one measly little saddle, so low that it can be masked by the tall timber, almost plumb in the centre. It divides what looks like one valley, cutting diagonally right through the bush from the trig, into two, so that the stream draining S.W. from the trig at this point doubles sharply back east and finally across the road through the Comet to the Ngaruroro. Beyond the saddle a fresh stream drains S.W. like the other tributaries of the Mangataramea.

Parties coming down from Cameron Camp and missing the track invariably, in trying to head these tributaries, take this creek from the trig to be one of them, cross it and then the trouble starts. One remedy is to find the track, another to find the saddle, though one joke is that the track doesn't cross the saddle, but crosses the stream some 200 yards West of it by a bridge - yes a BRIDGE.

First the track: From Cameron Camp go down the ridge towards the Hogget, another bridge, - yes a BRIDGE - is on the way. The track then turns south, across a flat, almost obliterated by pig rootings, then down the side of an old burn in manuka towards the saddle. From boyd's you merely follow the logging track, neglecting recent blind turn-offs running out to the left. Alternatively you can reach the saddle quickly from the trig by dropping down a bare spur, but if on reaching the bush line you bear left, almost south, you are on a ridge which takes you down a good way. Once you get well down, it is time to work rather to your right till at the drop off in the bend of the creek you are travelling about west. Hoodoo Spur would be a suitable name for this curving spur.

N.L.E.

"Pohokura" Bulletin No 54 April 1950.

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In September we had the privilege of being able to watch a video of the Everest climb sent to Arch Lowe by George. This viewing was brilliant as it was on the big screen at The Heretaunga Club, and showed pre trip preparations eg. vacuum packing of food, (something new then), a new sort of boot to enable the climber to climb to height never imagined before, and medical tests as regards oxygen, altitude sickness atc. done by the team Doctors. The mind boggles at all the equipment that had to be packed in and up by the Sherpas and climbers - the logistics of such an expedition must have been enormous.

The film followed the trip from beginning to end - from the army of Sherpas to the moment when Hillary, Tensing and Lowe returned to camp with the famous "thumbs up" sign.

A great achievement by everyone involved, especially our own New Zealanders. Thanks Stan for organising this.

Ed.

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Our annual Progressive Dinner was held in August and was another successful evening full of fun and hilarity. Thanks to Leo Brunton, Dianne & Graham Lawlor & Christine Hardie for opening their homes to the record breaking 40 "odd" members.

The "Bad Taste" theme took many forms and fancies, to name a few - Cinderella (minus IT'S beard), a real dead possum hanging over some-ones shoulder, pimples & blackheads, and the odd arrangement of clothes worn by some.

Apologies to all for all the water fights and the false teeth that kept appearing during the main dinner course, and I hope Christine's neighbours have forgiven her for bringing home such a noisy group of characters she'd obvioulsy found in the gutter! (well, some of them).

L.G.

Our first night in our new Clubrooms in Sylvan Road was started with an "official" opening with a piper piping the committee in with streamers being thrown everywhere. To mark the occasion Arch Lowe cut the official "ribbon". We also had our annual Auction which was a huge success and we made approximately \$430. Thanks to every-one who brought bits and pieces along, and bought bits and pieces to take away!

DUTIES OF THE TRIP LEADER

All members should understand what leading a trip involves and the following points are set out for your guidance;

BEFORE THE TRIP:

1. If you are not sure of the route or have other doubts about the country to be crossed, ask someone who knows the area for advice before the trip.
2. Obtain prior permission of land owners. The Secretary will tell you who to contact.
3. Outline the trip to members at the two previous club meetings, using a map or overhead projector and explain if any special equipment, clothing or overnight gear is required, start time, cost and fitness.
4. Get to know and see any new members.
5. Collect the fares and hand to the Treasurer with the form. Retain two lists from the trip book.
6. Decide what party equipment is required and arrange with the gear custodian for its collection.
7. Organise a truck driver.

ON THE TRIP:

8. Make sure the trip lists are checked, is completed and readable then left in Hastings at Holts before the truck leaves. Take the other copy on the trip.
9. See that party gear is fairly distributed among the party, bearing in mind the relative fitness of members. Keep an eye on packs of new trampers to see that they are not setting out with a packful of unnecessary gear and if possible, allocate a buddy to share the trip with them.
10. The responsibility for the conduct of the trip is entirely yours. If in doubt though, don't hesitate to ask the opinion of other experienced members - the final decision must be made by you, but their advice may help you to make a decision.
11. When on the move it's the responsibility of the leader to choose the route and set the pace. See that the party does not become strung out and make sure that an experienced member brings up the rear to collect any stragglers. Share this responsibility.
12. Consider whether the party would be better split into fast and slow groups, having regard to the fitness of members and the country to be covered. If it's decided to split the party, arrange for a leader for the other group. Leaders responsibility is to the slowest party.
13. You are responsible for the activities of any small groups that may break off from the main party to try a different route or do a bit of exploring. Make sure that they are themselves capable and in the hands of a competent sub-leader before agreeing to their going. Do they have a map and correct party gear?
14. See that everyone shares in the camp duties and make sure that huts are left in order, with firewood replaced and that all fires are out before leaving.
15. If it's obvious that the party will not reach Hastings by 10pm phone and advise as soon as possible.
16. Make sure that the truck is cleaned before party goes home.

AFTER THE TRIP:

17. Make sure that all gear is returned to the gear custodian, billies clean and tents dry.
18. Write the report for the "Pohokura" and hand it to the Editor promptly. If you allocate the report do so before the trip.
19. Be prepared for the oral report. Allocate parts of trip if necessary, but do it beforehand.
20. Report any damage to environment, huts or etc.

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CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the following new members and we hope your time with us will be long, enjoyable and fun.

Anke Knechtmans, Glen Fraser, Heather Jackson, Ricardo de Treend

Congratulations to our TRAMPER OF THE YEAR - Anne Cantrick.

MEETINGS: DATES & DUTIES

DATE	HOSTS	SUPPER
Jan 12	Jim Glass, Liz Pindar	Peter Berry, Pam Turner
Jan 26	Joy Stratford, John Montgomerie	Heather Hill, Graeme Sheppard
Feb 9	Graham Lawlor, Cathy Hamilton	Gloria Taula, Mike Craven
Feb 23	Wayne Hatcher, Christine Hardie	Kay Ward, Eddie Holmes
Mch 9	Margaret Jones, Dave Cormack	David Harrington, Julie Turner
Mch 23	Rodger Burns, Sue Lopdell	Doug Rusbatch, Martin Mallow
Apr 6	Leo Brunton, Jenny Lean	Geoff Clibborn, James Chittenden
Apr 20	Ross Berry, Judy McBride	Heather Jackson, John Berry
May 4	Craig Shaw, Mandy Leslie	Shirley Bathgate, Ricardo de Treend
May 18	John Jones, Lyn Gentry	Gary Smith, Glen Fraser

DUTIES OF THOSE ON SUPPER & HOST

HOST - Greet visitors and fill in the visitors book, sweep the floor and check the heaters and lights are off.

SUPPER - Bring 1 lt milk. Put zip on, cups, sugar etc out. Wash dishes and leave kitchen in a tidy condition.

If you are unable to be at the meeting on your specified date for Host or Supper please organise someone to take your place, then let the Secretary know.

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MEETING NIGHT PROGRAMME

Jan 12 South Island trip reports, photos & chat.
 Jan 26 Kathy Ombler - Slides, book push, life travelling round with DoC.
 Feb 9 Club Night.
 Feb 23 Jim & Grahams compass night.
 Mch 9 Exotic cooking night.
 Mch 23 Part 1 - China slides.
 Apr 6 Social Night.
 Apr 20 Grahams videos.
 May 4 Information night-Gear & Food. Surviving the night or weekend.
 May 18 Club Night.

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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Grateful thanks go to Karen Berry Ph 8776205 who has volunteered to take over our Gear Hire.

The Rangitikei Club has very kindly gravelled a path from the hut to the 'loo' at Waikamaka Hut.

There has been more vandalism at Kaweka Hut since our last working bee.

Don't forget subs are due.

A coin dropped in the 'boot' which is at the door, from members each meeting would be appreciated as this is to cover the cost of the hall hireage.

PLEASE NOTE: AS FROM NOVEMBER 24TH 1993 ALL CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE 'HARRIER CLUB ROOMS' SYLVAN ROAD, HASTINGS. at 7.30pm every 2nd Wednesday.

OVERDUE TRAMPERS

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush well before dark, safety considerations must come first. Even after arriving back at the transport it may take 2 hours or more to return.

Beginners should make sure that anyone who may worry about them know this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the overdue contacts if return seems likely to be later than 10pm. In case of concern, all newcomers should ensure that their contacts number is included in the list the leader leaves in town. For enquiries about overdue trampers please contact one of the following.

Stan Woon 8788268

Ross Berry 8774436

Jim Glass 8778748

FARE CONFIRMATION AND CANCELLATIONFare:

Local: Senior \$10; Junior \$5;

The fares must be paid NO LATER THAN THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE TRAMP.

Meeting night payment is preferred. Persons paying late will only be accepted at the leaders discretion and then only if a late fee is paid.

Cancellation:

If unable to make the trip contact the leader BEFOREHAND and your fare will normally be refunded (a portion could be retained if costs have already been incurred). Rarely does the club cancel a trip. If in doubt, contact the leader or check at the embarkation point.

FIXTURES LIST

The tramps listed below are designed to cater for people of average fitness. Alternatives are available on most trips but these may not necessarily be shorter or easier. Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objective may change for a number of reasons. For pre trip enquiries contact the leader, David Harrington 8760431 or Lyn Gentry 8750542.

December 12: Kuripapango Map U20

A tramping training day involving river travel, firelighting etc, followed by a BBQ if weather allows. Note - Have good size packs for pack floating.

Leader: David Harrington 8760431

January 15-16: Southern Kaweka Map U20

Party A: Starting from the water gauge, up to Kiwi Saddle and down to Kiwi Mouth for the night. Sunday down the Ngaruroro River.

Leader: Doug Rusbatch 8782788

Party B; From Gentle Annie over to Te Iringa and down to Cameron Hut. Sunday down river.

Leader: David Cormack 8776354

January 22-23: Waikamaka Hut Map U22

Working party into Waikamama for some repairs and tidy up.

Leader: Ed Holmes 8446032

January 30: Ahuriri Estuary Map V21

A walk round the outfall channel and about. See 'Hawke's Bay for the Happy Wanderer' if you have it.

Leader: Graham Lawlor 8448086

February 6: Working party for Kaweka ChallengeFebruary 12-13: Central Ruahines Maps T22, U22

Party A; Starting from Renfrew Road up to Rangiwahia Hut, onto Triangle Hut then upstream for the night. Sunday onto Te Hekenga, along to Howlett's Hut, out via Tukutuki River.

Leader: Ed Holmes 8446032

Party B: Into Triangle Hut for the night. Sunday down river to Heritage Lodge.

Leader: Sue Lopdell 8446697

February 19-20: Kaweka Challenge Map U20

Our annual event with the H.B. Orienteering Club to run this challenge for the public. We need members to help at the control points etc.

Contact: David Harrington 8760431

February 27: Ahimanawa Range Map V19, V20

Party A: Up the Toropapa Stream to the gorge then onto the ridge and back to complete a circuit.

Leader: Glenda Hooper 8774183

Party B: From Toropapa Bridge down the Toropapa Stream, Puneketoto Stream to McVicars Road.

Leader: Craig Shaw 8437242

March 12-13: Ngaruroro River Map U21, U20

Party A: From Kuripapango bridge, down the Ngaruroro River to Whanawhana. Gorge involved most of the way so pack floating involved. Leader: John Berry 8776205

Party B: From Kuripapango, along Burns Range to its southern end to the Ngaruroro River for the night. Sunday, down river to Whanawhana.

Leader: David Harrington 8760431

March 27: Donald River Map U20

In from Makahu Saddle, down the Donald river to Mackintosh track. Out via Matauria Ridge.

Leader: Ross Berry 8774436

April 1-4: Western Ruahines Map U21

Party A: From Mokai Station over Mokai Patea Range to Otukota Hut. Along ridge track to Puketarama, Unknown Campsite, Colenso Hut. Up to Potae, down to Waiokotore Bivi. Out via Waiokotore Stream, Mangatera River and Iron Bark Hut.

Leader: Craig Shaw 8437242

Party B: Same as Party A to Colenso then track to Iron Bark Hut then out.

Leader: Leo Brunton 8447228

April 10: Wakarara Range Maps U21, U22

Up Poporangi Stream from Poporangi Road to Poutaki Hut. Back out somehow.

Leader: Peter Berry 8774183

April 23-25: Tararua Range Maps R26, S26

Party A: In from Waikanae, up to Kapakapanui Hut, along ridge to Renata Hut, Alpha Hut, Marchant Ridge, Block XVI Track. Down Tauherenikau River to Bucks Road.

Leader: Neil Mora 8782892

Party B: In from Cloustonville, along Maymorn Ridge to Renata Hut. Along ridge to Alpha Hut and Marchant Ridge to Kaitoke. Leader:

May 8: Tutira Walkway: Map V20

In from Fishermans Hut along lower track to Ridgemount Road. Out via upper track.

Leader: Graham Lawlor 8448086

May 21-22: Mt Tarawera Map V16

Details next Pohokura. May be launch trip involved.

Leader: Cathy Hamilton 8356735

CLUB MEETINGS are held every second Wednesday in the Harriers Club Rooms, Sylvan Road, Hastings. Meeting starts 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome.



HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

1992				1993
\$				\$
INCOME				
2222	Subscriptions			2479
582	Equipment hire			461
484	Meeting contributions			422
161	Donations - hut & general			138
600	Donation - Hillary Commission			-
-	Donations - Motere Trust			450
2700	Macpac Kaweka Challenge			3300
310	Interest received			654
5499	Fares received	5100		
(2491)	Less: Transport costs	2654		
(1829)	Truck depreciation	1829	4483	
1179	Profit on transport			617
Sales				
1183	Maps			860
175	Hut passes			150
25	Recycling sales			16
317	Sundry sales			218
9938				9765
EXPENSES				
1906	Purchase of items for resale	1022		
60	Supper & social expenses	40		
50	Meeting expenses	50		
320	Replacement hire equipment	-		
102	Library & photo album	114		
835	FMC capitation	945		
444	Bulletin expenses (net of adv)	290		
177	Stationery, stamps, etc	321		
521	Hut maintenance	38		
79	Subscriptions	107		
92	General expenses	162		
-	Donation Rescue Helicopter	100		
212	Insurance - equipment & huts	264		
425	Rent of meeting room	400		
121	Equipment depreciation	147		
5344				4000
4594	Net profit for year			5765
(600)	Less transferred to First Aid Reserve			-
(200)	Sponsorship & Outdoor Education Reserve			-
3794	Net Income transferred to			
====	Accumulated Funds			5765
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HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

1992	ASSETS		1993
	CURRENT ASSETS		
301	Cash on hand		-
600	Advance expenditure marathon		600
244	Trust Bank Central cheque account		5051
160	Trust Bank Central Hit account		117
207	Accounts receivable		-
1512			5768
	INVESTMENTS		
8221	Trustbank term deposits		14832
	FIXED ASSETS		
36586	1990 Isuzu truck	36586	
3659	Less depreciation to date	5488	
32927			31098
	HUTS:		
10	Kaweka	10	
6360	Kiwi	6360	
55	Waikamaka	55	
1905	Howletts	1905	
8330			8330
	FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT:		
225	Hire equipment	202	
365	Truck equipment	623	
177	Bookcase, at cost	177	
69	Projector, at cost	69	
92	Rapid stapler, at cost	92	
390	Brother AX 25 electric typewriter	334	
237	12 drawer cabinet, at cost	237	
1555			1734
52545	TOTAL ASSETS		61762
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	LIABILITIES		
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
153	Accounts owing		479
237	Subscriptions received in advance		113
-	Deposits on fares		3250
390	TOTAL LIABILITIES		3842
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52155	EXCESS ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES		57920
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	THE EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES IS REPRESENTED BY ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
47561	Balance as at 1 October 1992		50755
3794	Surplus for year		5765
(600)	Transfer to Sponsorship & Outdoor Education Reserve		-
50755			56520
600	First Aid Training Reserve		600
800	Sponsorship & Outdoor Education Reserve		800
52155	TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		57920
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HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Isuzu truck is being depreciated at 5% on cost price for the first 15 years and then the policy will be reviewed. The estimated useful life of the truck is 25 years.

Items bought for resale have been shown as expenditure and receipts from sales have been detailed under the income heading. No account has been taken of stocks on hand.

Kiwi Saddle and Howletts huts have been recorded at cost, Kaweka and Waikamaka at nominal values. The Club is only a licensee in respect of the hut sites and therefore they have no recoverable values.

The Brother AX25 typewriter has been depreciated at 10% on cost price to write it off over 10 years.

The hire equipment and truck equipment have been depreciated at 10% on their diminishing values.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes from the accounting policies observed in the preparation of last year's financial statements. All policies have been consistently applied.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO MEMBERS OF HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)

We report that we have examined the books and records of the Club and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

With organisations such as the Club, it is not possible for the auditors to verify all cash received during the year and our examination of income has accordingly been limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits. We did not however note anything that would indicate the existence of receipts not banked.

Subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to in the preceding paragraph, in our opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a true and fair view of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 September 1993 and of the financial position at that date.



INGRAM, THOMPSON & BERRY
Chartered accountants.