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MEETINGS are held every 2nd Wednesday in the Harrier Clubrooms, Sylvan Rd, Hastings at 7.30pm.  
Visitors are most welcome.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Our club members have travelled many thousands of kilometres this year into the Ruahine, Kaweka, Kaimanawa, Whiranaki, Tongariro and Tararua Ranges with a South Island trip planned over the New Year into the Arthur's Pass area. These trips are only possible because of our club drivers and leaders. There has been a shortage of leaders resulting in four club trips being cancelled. So please come forward as with some training and help from our experienced members, leading a club trip can be fun.

Maintenance work was carried out at Howletts and Kiwi Saddle Huts. Also we assisted the Department of Conservation by recutting tracks and building an enclosure at the Boundary Stream Island Reserve. Club Meeting nights have been enjoyable with slide shows, training nights, a variety of speakers, the annual club photo competition and social evenings.

It has been an enjoyable year due to the support of our committee with special thanks to Craig, Glenda and Eddie in their respective roles of secretary, treasurer and club captain. To those committee members who are standing down, my thanks for valued contributions. I would also like to thank the local landowners for their permission to cross their land and you the club members without whom the club would not exist,

Over the last few months, there has been a decline in numbers both on club trips and at our meeting nights. Is it a sign of the times or the usual cyclic flow or general apathy. It is an area of concern that the incoming committee perhaps should look into.

I wish every one a merry Xmas and good tramping in 1997.

Sue Lopdell.

## **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Another successful year of tramping almost complete with the usual variety of trips from the Kaimais last Labour Weekend to Tongariro, Manawatu Walkway and of course many to the local ranges. Numbers have been good for local trips but those further afield the support hasn't been so strong. Just remember if you're considering the far side of the Ruahines to go for a tramp, there is nothing as convenient of doing it with the Club.

Unfortunately a couple of trips have been inconvenienced due to a lack of a driver for the truck. We drivers also have other commitments so instead of making negative remarks why don't some of you get off your Butts and get a passenger service licence, this could help us solve this problem.

An attempt was made to carry out some work on Howletts Hut last summer but due to weather conditions it wasn't finished, for those keen people another trip is scheduled for January '97. Last February Craig and myself flew a load of materials along with eight mattresses into Kiwi Saddle Hut and spent the day fixing plywood to the underside of the bottom bunk and fitting opening sashes to the windows on the western side of the hut. New mattresses were also taken into Waikamaka Hut late last year so a better nights sleep can be had. If you're Heading into any of the four club huts please ask if there is any thing to do or take.

Thanks to all the drivers and leaders and to everybody for making tramping what it is.

Eddie Holmes

## **SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT**

It has been another quiet year as far as searches go with only one operation to hand. A stretcher carry from Top Maropea Hut to Sunrise Hut where fortunately the Rescue chopper was able to land and take over.

The focus for SAR training has been on Track and Clue Awareness (TCA). To date nineteen SAR personnel have completed this course including eleven from the HTC. Another TCA course will be run in January '97 bringing sixteen more people up to speed. Unfortunately for some the annual SAREX recently had tight restrictions on numbers, so only a few could attend. I feel we need to aim for a HTC run SAREX to introduce more people into SAR, after all our club was founded due to the search for Hamish Armstrong some 60 years ago. Thanks to all those who are prepared to drop everything and spend time training and searching for those who become injured or geographically embarrassed.

Eddie Holmes

## **TRUCK REPORT**

Since 1991, when the club truck entered service, it has covered a total of 58,208 km with 9480 being added this year. Most of this has been achieved once again mainly trouble free and I think reflects the care of our drivers and also those who have helped with the truck maintenance.

This year, the club emblems were repainted, front seats recovered and sundry maintenance items carried out. A small crack is slowly spreading in the windscreen and may have to be replaced in the near future.

Thank you to all who have helped with the club truck and happy motoring for 1996/97

Leo Brunton

## **H.T.C. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES 1996**

Submissions were made on the following issues.

- I. To ban all mining on conservation estates, protected areas, forest parks and sea coasts. Quarrying is still carried out on the Coromandel.
- II. Visitor strategy plan. Education of visitors to understand our fragile eco-systems and why they are divided up into different places to go to i.e. national parks, forest parks, wilderness areas etc..
- III. Kahurangi/Nelson latest national park.
- IV. Opposition to snowmobiles form polluting all aspects of Old Man and Old Woman ranges in Central Otago.
- V. Revised Mainland Southland/ West Otago C.M.S
- VI. Submission: On revised mainland, Southland, West Otago C.M.S.
- VII. Recreational usage on conservation land farming properties.
- VIII. Tenure review Greenstone/Elfin Bay and Routeburn Crown Lands.
- IX. Submission to Conservator Nelson / Marlborough conservancy for FMC

Wakatipu Crown Pastoral runs. / Mohaka Wet and Wild Rafting Company. / Update on Boundary Stream.

Most successful event in the year was the new NW Nelson national Park on the upside and on the downside, concern for care of all the conservation lands taken over by the Ngai Tahu. How will these lands be managed? Who will protect them? These issues will be very much to the fore in 1997. without the input by DOC and FMC many of these problems would never have been brought to public notice.

Shirley Bathgate.

## **NEWS**

Congratulation to Kay Ward and Ted on a new arrival - baby boy

Congratulations On Kathy Turner's engagement to Darrell on a romantic trip around Europe

Congratulations to the winners of our annual photo competition

Pictorial: Chris Waldron; David Harrington

Club Character: Ros Lusk

Plants & Insect: Mike Lusk

Winner of cup Mike Lusk

Many thanks to all those members who entered photos. After the photography workshop, there should be some great photos next year.

Congratulation to the following new members this year

Steven Nicholl

Barry Pacey

Peter Pryier

Marjoleine Friedeman

Paul Handyside

Gail Harvey

Doug King

### **Famous last tramping sayings**

It's not going to rain  
Just around the corner  
The hut was here the last time I came  
It wasn't this steep last time  
There are only about 5 crossings  
This crud will lift  
Follow me - I know a short cut  
What am I doing this for  
It's basically flat all the way  
There were only real men on the trip  
This will be a cruisy trip  
Stand by  
I think we're lost

### **COMING EVENTS**

A Progressive Dinner is being planned

Big Auction will take place early in the new year.

## **Kaweka Range**

## **Trip 1666**

16 June 1996

Party B: Makahu to Iron Whare and Quarry. Our party of 7 departed Makahu car park at 8.45 in mild weather conditions and with a hint of rain. The track to Kaweka Flats Bivvy is undulating, well maintained and easy to follow. It took an hour and a quarter to reach the bivvy and on arrival we intended to stop for a quarter of an hour but with the onslaught of heavy rain and cold weather we proceeded quickly on to shelter a kilometre down the track towards Middle Hill. Travelling through the manuka we arrived at a block of beech trees and just before a large descent through a valley we turned off the track and headed along a ridge to Iron Whare. Keeping to the left of the ridge and following a route marked occasionally by red ribbon we arrived at the whare in exceedingly cold weather, very wet and feeling a little miserable. It was by now 11.30 am and appropriate to make a stop for lunch. Candles were lit, torches were brought out and some of us luxuriated with a warm drink from a thermos flask. Lucky for some!

The cold conditions drove us on, we descended further down the ridge and then climbed to the ridge above the river, across an open area through the trees and then a gentle bush bash through trees, down the ridge to the river, arriving at the bottom approximately an hour later and with the weather looking much improved. The sun was starting to show signs of appearing and the temperature was getting warmer.

Arriving at the river we stopped briefly and then commenced a climb in a southerly direction, bush bashing our way up to a clay pan which eventually led to the top. This climb proved to be exhausting but obviously not too daunting as we were back up at the truck by 2.15 pm. The wind was blowing exceedingly hard and it was cold so after a quick change, it was into the truck and off to meet Party A.

Thank you my team for your company, thank you Geoff (Clibborn) for driving the truck for us.

David Cormack.

## **KAWEKA RAMBLE**

## **Trip 1667**

30 June 1996

We arrived at Pernel Orchard, to find the truck battery being charged but by 7.30 am, we were on our way, heading for the Lake Rd carpark. Ten of us changed in the drizzled with Jacque howling, impatient for us to be on our way. The Tutaekuri River had very little water in it as we meandered our way into Kaweka Hut. The vandals had been cutting down live beech trees around the hut; the door was wide open and the slates off the top bunk had disappeared into the fire again. By 11 am, the rain had set in and any thoughts of sightseeing on Kaiarahi had vanished. After having a hot drink, seven of us set off across the clay pan of the Macintosh Plateau, stopping every now and then to check on the rainbow and to let Glenda catch her breath. She complained about the local day trip being hijacked by fit trampers. Lunched at Macintosh Hut and then proceeded to the 3 wire bridge which was a first time experience for 2 of the party. Then it was the grunt up to carport where Geoff had the truck waiting for the soaked enthusiasts.

Thankfully after a few heart stopping seconds the truck's engine finally started, arriving back about 5.30 pm.

Party: Viv Bramley, Leo Brunton, Anne Cantrick, Liz Pindar, Alastair Moffitt, Geoff Robinson, Glenda Hooper, Jerry Atkins, Sue Lopdell and Jacque le pooch

## **SOUTHERN RUAHINES**

## **Trip 1668**

14 July 1996

A small keen party of thirteen left Pernel's Orchard on a dark wet morning at 6am with a dismal weather forecast for the ranges. However on arrival at the parking area at the West Tamaki Road end, we had a clear sky and it was dry, although it was very obvious that they had had heaps of rain recently.

With boots and packs on, we were away about 8am joining the track behind the picnic area for what was to be a 700 metre climb which quickly got quite steep passing through some magnificent podocarps.

Towards the top, the track sidled a bit and got quite boggy and plenty of leatherwood near the top. The last bods arrived at the hut at 10.15 for smoko. Viv found a giant weta outside the hut on one of the few patches of snow - fortunately it was either in a very deep state of hibernation, or very dead, but it was enough to get the camera buffs into action.

The weather was still good, visibility still excellent and we could clearly see Mount Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe as we ambled along the Takapau Rd, pausing for photographs. We left the road on a well maintained track heading north-east before passing the Rimu track and electing to slip and slide down a boggy track, not dissimilar to the Howlett's track, before arriving at Stansfield Hut after 2.5 hours from the A-Frame for lunch. Sue was lucky to have lunch as she left it on the table at the A-Frame and had to be reminded of that.

Stansfield Hut was in tidy condition even with our muddy boots and we were all quite ready for lunch in the comfort of the hut. The last part of the trip entailed a short climb up to the Holmes Ridge 4WD track and a pleasant walk back to the truck which took 1.5 hours. The mist by now closed in and the tops were completely hidden to us. Just after we started our return trip the rain started and stayed with us till we arrived back at Pernel's at 5.15 pm. A really nice trip which deserved to be better supported by club members and thanks to Craig for driving.

RB

Susan Lopdell, Sandy Claudatos, Christine Hardie, Viv Bramley, Jenny Lean, Wayne Hatcher, Chris Waldron, Judy McBride, Philip Mardon, Garry Smith, Craig Shaw, Paul Handyside, Rodger Burn

### **Western Ruahine- Pourangaki Hut**

### **Trip 1669**

#### July 27 - 28

Friday night saw eight keen but maybe slightly silly trampers pile into the truck to head for the hills. The start to the trip wasn't without incident. After sitting in the truck for some minutes it became quite obvious that Mike wasn't there so a quick phone call to an amazed Mike and some persuading that it was a Friday night start. After stopping to help him pack his pack we were finally on our way stopping only to pick up a bird called Anne from the kerb side at Ashurst (lucky the Cops didn't get there first)

Saturday morning dawned showery as ten sleepy bods emerged from the truck after only a few hours sleep. The first task was to negotiate boggy ground in clean boots then electric fences whilst keeping an eye on those elusive white markers. This complete, it was up steep greasy farmland until we reached the park boundary after which the gradient eased slightly as it followed a bush ridge until reaching Purity Hut approximately two hours from the truck.

From the hut at the bushline we climbed a further 370m to Iron Peg via Wooden Peg making the total climb for the morning 1100m, no wonder we were all stuffed. It had been snowing fairly steadily from about half way to Purity only breaking briefly from time to time with the wind just strong enough to keep you moving. From Iron Peg both Debbie's party and mine stayed together until they left us to drop down Pinnacle creek to the Kawhatau river.

Continuing on along the range for half a kilometre until reaching a sign post pointing to Pourangaki hut. From here a rapid descent down a greasy track to the bush line and out of the wind for lunch-----3.30 pm I think? Descending into the Pourangaki river through beautiful Totara forest to the swing bridge and a short abrupt climb to Pourangaki hut, arriving about 4.30. The hut has recently been done up with Maori bunks, sink bench and a supply of coal. An interesting evening with four opossums hanging around the hut, one of which just happened to run head on into my ice axe. Many implements were tested in the plight to rid the park of those evil animals that night but not with the same results I'm sorry to say.

Sunday morning came with clear skies but unfortunately for us we were confined to the morning in the river. Breakfasting and packing by 8.30 we headed down hill some what reluctant to reach the ice cold water ten minutes below us. For the first half hour hardly a word was spoken, mainly because Anne was not aware we had to travel in any damn rivers and we blokes well I guess we were just cold. The silence was shattered with an ear piercing scream and looking back I saw Anne over her waist but alas the real pain didn't come until it was my turn to sink lower into this icy water than I had really wanted. After three hours of agony the Kelly Knight swing bridge was overhead. The river was over.

Dumping our packs we ran the 200m to Kelly Knight hut, filled in the log book then back to the packs to follow a sidle track 100m or so above the river. Stopping for lunch at a side stream then continuing out to the farm land. Crossing several paddocks and eventually onto a farm track back to the truck arriving at 2 pm. The drive home was long and uneventful, stopping to drop Anne off at Ashurst and then driving around to North Block road where we meet Debbies party walking towards us. All aboard we were mobile once again reaching Hastings at 7pm.

Eddie Holmes, John Montgomerie, Anne Cantrick, Craig Shaw, Mike Hawthorne

## **RUAHINES**

## **Trip 1670**

11 Aug 1996

Party A: On descending from the truck, we were met by a cold breeze. It only took us a few minutes to reach the Sentry Box Hut and the shelter of the bush. As we climbed upwards, members of the party started to stop and remove their jackets. On reaching the open rocky knoll, we were hit by a cold stiff wind. No one stopped for long to look at the view, but on reaching the bush we had a short stop.

Moving on were greeted by a spectacular view of the snow covered bush. Heading north along the top, we arrived at Pohatuhaha Trig 1368m. A good view but a cold wind. After a short stop, we headed off to Aranga Hut. Had lunch in the snow covered gully by the hut. It was very pleasant sitting in the sun out of the wind. At 12.45 pm we headed off towards the Golden Crown Ridge. The track through the snow covered was very wet and slushy. Met the B party and we all set off to the Golden Crown after checking our numbers. Small groups started to drop off down the ridge. The track was very muddy and wet. Saw some interesting fungi on the way down. Our group stopped for a couple of minutes as Mike used his bird caller to attract some white heads. Everyone was back at the truck by about 3.30. Thank you for all being such good company, and special thanks to David for driving us there and back.

LH

Party A: Viv Bramley, Jerry Atkins, Sandy Claudatos, Philip Mardon, Mike Lusk, Garry Smith, Jenny Lean, Susan Lopdell, Leo Brunton, Pete Pryor, Lewis Harrison.

Party B: Golden Crown - Sentry Box: After dropping off the main party at the entry to Sentry Box reserve in cold (but clear), blustery conditions, the remaining seven travelled back down the road. We crossed the farmland in the truck to park very close to Masters Shelter and set off about 8.30 am. Conditions here were sunny and still and stayed wind-free for more than half of the trip to the top, making for a pleasant and relaxed (if a little steep) social stroll up the Golden Crown Ridge.

The first part of the "new" track which begins just behind the shelter hasn't yet gained that "lived-in" look and still looks relatively freshly cut. After a time the party came out into the open and got some great views, particularly from a large, rocky knob. The top part of the track became quite boggy and the group arrived at the track junction on top of the ridge just before midday. Lunch amongst the snow-capped trees was pleasant apart from the blobs of snow which fell down a neck or two and into someone's soup!

The party left to head along the ridge towards Aranga Hut to meet the main party about 12.45 pm. The weather clouded over somewhat and again it was a case of bog-dodging.

About half an hour later the two parties met on the track, briefly swapped notes, and headed straight down to the truck.

GS.

Party: Alison Greer, Dave Heaps (and nephew Nick), Ros Lusk, Sharon Mardon, Darren Sayer, Gavin Scoble (Leader).

24 -25 Aug 1996

Party A: The decision was made to depart on the Saturday morning at 5.30 am from Napier rather than on the Friday night as in the past and camp in the truck at the roadend

This did not work out as a practical alternative as the B party were dropped off at the "Skotel" by the Chateau at 9.45 am compared to an 8.30 start if we had camped there the night before. The remedy would be to return to Friday night starts, or leave another hour earlier on Saturday morning. The trip to Taupo was slower than usual, as the road was potentially icy and so is another factor to consider.

The A trip had been scheduled as a Ruapehu summit, but due to the mountains' unpredictability, Tongariro was chosen as the alternative.

Leaving from the Mangatepopo roadend at 10.45, we headed for Tongariro Summit via the ridge to west of the Mangatepopo Valley. The weather was cloudy but calm, and knee-deep, snow conditions meant that it was slow going at times, after having lunch and leaving Mangatepopo Hut. As we climbed, visibility worsened and was limited to several hundred metres making navigation necessary.

At 4 p.m., Ed and Craig went ahead and gained the Summit Ridge but could see nothing beyond where they stood (white out). I chose to retreat, following our tracks down. The last hour up had made crampons necessary as the snow had turned to very firm ice conditions.

We had planned to drop over the summit into the South Crater, and tent out, or if time had permitted, dig a snow cave. Adrian had had bad cramp towards the top and we had considered tenting in the saddle halfway down, but after a rest and snack stop, he felt better, so we carried on back to Mangatepopo Hut, arriving after dark. Speaking to people there, we found that about 10 people were snow caving that night in the South Crater, so we would have had some company had we got there. The usual and safe route there is via the Mangatepopo Valley.

Back to the track 20 minutes later, and off to Mangahuia campsite near National Park for the night. Ruapehu dawned clear on the Sunday, so we decided to head up to the Top of the Bruce and practice climbing skills and pass some on Adrian. (Tongariro was still clagged in too).

Even though there were chairlifts operating, we cramponed up the rock garden to Hutt Flat and across to the base of the Pinnacles, with snow drifts on Hutt Flat up to waist deep.

In good weather, we practised skills including snow anchors, belaying practices, abseiling and crampon work, and some intense training for Adrian from Ed while Craig and I were climbing. At about the time we were due to leave, a white-out came in and so hastened our departure and yes, we did go down on the chairlift and met up with the B party at the appointed place and time.

JM

John Montgomerie (leader), Ed Holmes, Craig Shaw, Adrian Brown.

Party B: Early Saturday morning with a nice frost in the Bay, the mountain team set off with high expectations of good weather and hard snow. On reaching Turangi, the weather was turning and the team began to question the mountain forecast, but after a feed, spirits were high again. We reached Whakapapa Village at 9.30 and geared up with ice axe and crampons and away we went; four keen trampers off into the changing weather.

We arrived at Taranaki Falls, our first stop. Then away across the open tussock country. We came across a single Japanese person dressed in very light clothes. We all looked at each other and shook our heads. Before long, we reached Tama Lakes for our lunch break and quickly geared up with more clothes. At this time, we realised the snow conditions would not be in our favour, so Leader David changed our plans. We climbed up onto the ridge above Tama Lakes to find the ridge down to the Waihohonu Hut. After some huffing and puffing, we found the hut at around 5 o'clock. We slowly settled down for the night which was really warm. (Just as well because no heater! A change in DOC policy).



So after a warmish night, a foggy morning greeted us, so at 8.00am we set off travelling around the bottom track to our Saturday route. The fog slowly lifted away to reveal the summit of Tongariro and Ruapehu and things started to warm up, but not for long. Weather in the West looked dark and gloomy, but no rain. After reaching the main track, we travelled down to the beautiful Taranaki Falls again, this time stopping for lunch which was very welcome. After a small break, we carried on to join the 2 1/2 hour Mangatepopo track which started off with steps and platforms and generally a well maintained track, but like all good things do, it did not last. So after an hour or so, things changed to a muddy, deep water rutted track making our progress slow. At approximately 4.30, we reached the road end. The 2 1/2 hour track looked more like 3 1/2 hours only to find no truck upon which a few quiet words were said to ourselves. After a small wait, the truck turned up much to our relief and to our surprise, we were informed that the A Party had been at the main car park on Ruapehu.

All and all, a very successful tramp around the countryside, even if the snow conditions were not to our liking.

## **LAWRENCE - MACKINTOSH - KAWEKA**

## **Trip 1672**

8 September 1996

As I was in Wellington for the week preceding the tramp, I had left Geoff Clibborn, our driver, in charge of preparations in my absence. Contacting Geoff Friday night on my return, Geoff advised that he had a truck and a half of keen day trappers and a stack of money - come and get it.

Through the Saturday, I received a string of telephone calls as, for various reasons, some of our trappers had to pull out. I thank them for the courtesy of the phone call, it makes for an easy roll call on the day, resulting in a quick get away.

Sunday dawned perfectly. With the HTC Truck departing at 0600 from Leo's then at 0620 from Pernell Orchard, we were on our way, nineteen of us, all looking forward to a good day's outing. Thanks to Leo and Philip for making car parking facilities available to club members for the day.

Before relating the events of the day, I would like to record the trip I made in August.

### **THE RECONNAISSANCE TRIP**

I had been from Lawrence to Mackintosh on a previous HTC day tramp but I couldn't quite remember all details, especially the Lawrence - Mackintosh bit. So I organised a weekend trip with long time friend Selwyn Hawthorne. The plan was to tramp from Lawrence to Mackintosh for the night and out the same way on the Sunday. I thought if we dawdled along we could easily fill the day in poking around nooks and crannies often missed when time is of the essence.

Arriving at Lawrence we hummed and hared about how secure the vehicle would be, then decided to move around to the Mackintosh Carpark instead. Tramping finally by 1100, we dropped down to the 3 wire bridge with the 'down' muscles complaining quietly to start, screaming loudly at the bottom. Across the bridge and along the banks of the Tutaekuri for a while before commencing the climb out with the 'up' muscles repeating the antics of the 'down' muscles experienced earlier. A pleasure to cross the flat bit (all muscles grizzling equally) to be at the Hut by 1300.

Lunch time, complete with a billy of tea, and into some serious nattering. We nattered until we decided that we might like a fire, then set off to gather fire wood in the rain. With the woodbin full, the aerial up and the fire ready to go, it was time for another cuppa and more natter. Tea started with soup at 1630. We nattered on, feeding freshly cut beech into the Korker Kooker until the 1900 sked with Graham ZL2BCK that came and went about the same time as course two, with course three, the Spongy Pud, being dealt with by 2100.

We had decided to get cracking early next day and head towards Lawrence and check the track at least to the edge of the Donald's gorge. Waking at 0700, my second job for the day was to get the billy on. We nattered through breakfast and hut clean up, to be on our way by 1100. But not towards Lawrence!! 'Home James' it was decided. We were back at the carpark by 1300 for lunch and home for a cuppa by 1500. A great weekend tramping. And the Lawrence to Mackintosh bit?? Well, my memory was coming back so all should be OK.

### **THE REAL TRIP**

An uneventful journey concluded at the Lawrence Road carpark that was soon witness to a hive of activity as we all made our preparations for the day's tramp. By 0800 we were all cued up for our solo bridge crossing. Some of

the team popped into Lawrence for a quick look while they waited. The Tutaekuri was clear and quite low considering the recent rain. This was reassuring as soon we would be crossing the Donald. without the benefit of a bridge.

We stopped at the Lotkow track turn off for a regroup and whistle wet at 0850 (the sign says 3hrs 15 min to Mackintosh) before dropping into the Donald. A short break here was in order for a photo opportunity and a bite to eat. The day was shaping up to be a real cracker. Temperature was rising, wall to wall blue and the sun sparkling off a clear, chilly Donald River. The party had crossed the Donald by 0930 and the 400 meter climb was underway.

Regrouping a couple of times, it was head down and plod on. The track is well graded and was able to be dealt with at a reasonable pace. The Bushcraft Manual suggests a rate of climb of 300 meters per hour. I was pleased Gavin set a pleasant pace and was happy to tuck in behind him. The tail enders had completed the climb in one hour, the leading bunch a little faster and as typical of most climbs, we had spread out a bit.

Randall was waiting at the top for us, as the others had moved on. A chilly breeze would have made waiting to regroup a little too long for comfort. A most pleasant journey along the spur edge, sometimes in scrub, sometimes in pine, reasonably protected by both from the wind. Stopping for a few photos looking up the Donald gorge to Makahu and Kaweka J in the distance, it was left hand down a bit and on to Mackintosh Hut. We arrived at 1145, about 15 minutes behind the leading bunch. First task, collect my nylon parka left in the Hut a month ago, then spread out in the sun with the rest of the group for lunch.

Geoff, our driver, arrived about half an hour later, followed in due course by our patron, Arch Lowe. Both Geoff and Arch had come in across the Three Wire Bridge. Bing had remained with the truck catching up on his letter writing and reading.

Gloria and Margaret decided to join Geoff and Arch for the journey back to the truck taking the same route out, while the rest of the party headed off towards Kaweka Hut, departing about 1245. (Yes, a 60 min plus lunch break)

The afternoon was pleasantly warm as we progressed around to Kaweka Hut with good views from open clay pans and experiencing that "it's great to be here" feeling that tramping amongst tall beech brings out. It was 1430 when we regrouped at the Kaweka Hut turn off. Randall had already headed off towards Kaweka Hut to check it out for old times' sake not expecting the rest of us to follow. After a drink and snack, we decided to make a bee line for the carpark, leaving the hut for another day.

1540 and we are all at the Lakes Road carpark, waiting for Geoff and the truck, reflecting on a great day out. 20 minutes later, we are all packed up and all aboard for the journey home. The first tramp with the Club for Gillian and maybe it was the thousandth for Arch. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and all contributed to those little moments that are tucked away in memories to be related another day. I was pleased to lead the tramp for the Club and look forward to leading another tramp in the future.

Party Members: Mike Bull (Leader) Geoff Clibborn (Driver) Arch Lowe, Lord Lyn Gentry, Leo Brunton, Gloria Abraham, Sue Holmes, Graham Thorp, Randall Goldfinch, Lew Harrison, Lex Smith, Gavin Scoble, Barry Pacey, Gillian Dacey, Jenny Lean, John Jones, Margaret Jones. Bing Potts, Sandy Claudatos.

## **NORTHERN KAWEKAS (Mangatainoka Hot Springs)**

**Trip 1673**

### 21 Sept 1996

Eight of us left the truck by the Gum's Carpark at 9.45 am and headed off towards Te Puia Lodge. There was low cloud and the temperature was just about right for tramping. We maintained a steady pace occasionally stopping to admire the scenery of river, bluffs and bush. Arrived at Te Puia Lodge at 12 pm. We stayed there for about an hour. We heard that there were 20 people staying there. Next stop was our lovely sheltered camp site with tables and benches, a few minutes walk to the hot springs.

On pitching our four tents, we headed for the hot pools where we soaked for about 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours, cooling off now and then by hopping into the Mohaka. Had an early tea, then Lex and I tried a bit of spin fishing - only fish I saw kept following the spinner right up to my feet, no fish. All back into the pools at 7 pm until 10.15 pm. I

think we may have overdone the pools on Saturday. Someone had left their billies and some food on the table. Out came the possums as soon as were in our sleeping bags. Next few hours - clatter clang bang. 6 am. What a beautiful morning - Fished my way up river to the junction where I met the 3 hunters at their fly camp. On arriving back at our site, people were starting to get up.

After breakfast, broke camp and back into hot pools. How lovely. Nobody wanted to come back to civilisation. Dragged ourselves out and headed back to the truck. It was a lovely warm day. We slowly made our way out stopping for 5 min breaks to view the beauty of our surroundings and arrived at the truck dead on 3.45 pm, 15 mins earlier than anticipated. Thank you all for making it such a pleasant trip.  
L.H.

Jenny Lean, Lex Smith, Lois Moh, Gloria and Lawrence Abraham, Mark Matthews, Stefan Moh.

## **Ruahines - Longview**

## **Trip 1674**

### 6 October

Party A: With Eddie Holmes, who was originally to lead the A party, unable to make the trip the objective was changed and six hardy souls set off from Longview Hut in strong winds at about 10.40 am. Directions were a little vague but the idea was to travel to Top Gorge Hut on the Pohangina River and then possibly make our way back up through bush to the main ridge, and then drop down the same way as Party B were intending to head to Awatere Hut and out to the truck. We thought we would be spending some time traversing the tops and when we were hit with a severe blow as we came up onto the ridge Sandy didn't feel like spending much time out in that so turned back.

Unfortunately for her the sign only minutes away indicated a river route rather than an exposed one. The group dropped down into the upper catchment of the Pohangina to be faced with its first obstacle - a steep face down to the river which was traversed by climbing through leatherwood growing horizontally from the bank. The next challenge soon after was a face down from the top of a waterfall. Some members had reservations but all made it safely around and down. That completed we began a pleasant walk down the river mainly rockhopping but with some light tracks beside the river. There was very little deer sign and as a result a number of ranunculus and other 'deer-desirable' plants were seen. We also came across a woolly caterpillar on the track, spotted by Gavin and photographed by John and Peter.

We had soon given up counting the waterfalls, most quite small but some larger. The walk down the river was great with sunny conditions and the odd windy gust up the valley. Upper Gorge Hut appeared at 1 pm across the river on the true left bank as expected and we were amused by the sign which pointed to "Motel" and back up the river to "Carpark" (complete with a little painted red car). The red and orangy-brown hut is small but has open fireplace on a concrete floor and is well sited up from the river among beech.. It was done up by DOC last April and the work included a new toilet.

After lunch as there was no clear route up to the tops it was decided to make our own way up the river again and the trip back to the top was completed in half an hour less than down to Top Gorge. It was cold again on the tops and as time was getting on we decided to head back down the track as we expected the main group would already be at the truck or close to it. This was a special trip hugely enjoyed by all the party.

GS

Party: Peter Berry, Mark Matthews, Barry Pacey, Gavin Scoble, John Staff (leader, sort of, because he didn't really want to be!)

Party B: A 6.30 am start [which was really 5.30 am, with an add on for daylight saving] saw 15 people off on a fine day to an area not visited by the Club for a while. Peter took a premature detour off SH 50 but we soon joined up with Mill Road and arrived at Moorcock Saddle at 8.30 am. The day was clear, warm and a bit blustery as we left the truck at 8.45 am and headed up the track which was quite boggy in places. The higher we climbed, the stronger the wind got, and when we broke from the cover of the bushes on the spur, we enjoyed the brunt of the extremely strong winds which made progress difficult and standing upright, nearly impossible. However the last of the B Party arrived at Longview in 1 hour 50 minutes which was quite creditable in the circumstances.

John Stack team soon took off for Top Gorge hut and Rodger's party enjoyed a more leisurely stop admiring the views toward the coast. DOC deserve a pat on the back for the good job they have done at Longview Hut. After some talk we decided to try and bushbash to the spur we wanted to take us down to Awatere Hut, but it soon became apparent we were not making much progress and rather than go further along the tops to rocky knob, we decided to return the way we had come up.

John Jones found an ideal spot for lunch out of the wind, half way back to Moorcock Saddle and we enjoyed a very pleasant lunch in the sun. In fact it was too comfortable for Rodger, who fell asleep. Jenny decided it wasn't allowed for leaders to fall asleep and woke him up with a jolt. We were back at the saddle at 2.30 to join up with the truck party who had been exploring the tracks near the truck and finished off the rest of our food before some of us climbed up onto the spur which leads down to Awatere hut. John Stack's party returned about 4.30 pm and we were on our way back at 5 pm. Thanks to Peter for filling in the driving spot at short notice.

RB

Party: Rodger Burn (leader), Barry Pacey, Mark Matthews, John Staff, Sandy Claudatos, Gavin Scobie, Sandy Claudatos, Darren Sayer, Shirley Bathgate, John Jones, Margaret Jones, Doug King, Bing Potts, Arch Lowe, Gloria Abraham, Peter Berry.

## **Labour Weekend 1996**

## **Trip 1675**

25 - 28 Oct

Party B: After dropping the fast party at Putera Road we continued on to Holdsworth roadend in magnificent, sunny weather. After a lengthy chat with Paddy Janes, the resident DoC officer, and a leisurely lunch (which included large portions of Craig's birthday cake) we staggered off along the track to Mountain House. The intrepid leader had suggested that the original trip along the river valleys back to Putera was not terribly interesting and had persuaded the followers to go up to Mount Holdsworth and along the tops while the weather remained clear. The path from Holdsworth carpark is a gravelled highway through some attractive forest to the Ariwhakaatu Junction. Mountain House is still standing but is obviously no used by many people as a stayover. The water tank is very up-to-date however.

We arrived at Powell Hut just below the tops in the late afternoon. This large hut is an extremely good example of Lockwood design hut with gas cooking facilities and fancy, flown-in, fibreglass, smell-free toilets. In other words, just what is needed at Sunrise. As the evening progressed it became obvious to everyone why such large huts are needed in the Tararua FP. The population pressures are for greater than in our part of the country - we were the first to arrive that day but other groups kept pouring in until 11 o'clock that night. This included the volunteer warden and her party [people and dogs]. Hut passes are rigorously checked in this part of the world.

The groups in residence varied from keen families to other club groups to bands of students in for the holiday weekend. The students interested us with their culinary marvels ranging from a batch of stove-top scones to soy sausage and beansprout-filled naan bread rolls. Mind you, Lex. Leo and Craig's variations on steaks of various flavours were pretty amazing.

One dreadful situation was narrowly avoided on the first night when the beloved leader became trapped in one of the space-age toilets! No-one was still out of bed to come to her aid so in truly heroic fashion she was forced to rescue herself. Much was the relief on everyone's part when informed of it the next day. {Much was the relief on the part of the leader too, I might add, even though the toilet is far superior in design to the Kaweka model and also warmer than the hut}.

Wind continued to blow strongly and musically down the chimney all night. The next morning the fearless leader ventured on to Mount Holdsworth for a look. The wind was gale-force by this stage and blew other trampers who had also ventured out for a look, off their feet. It was felt to be unsafe and uncomfortable to continue along to Jumbo so the party retreated back down. [So did everyone else and we discovered later that no-one had been able to go along that route all day]. Back down through the forest and we headed off to Totara Flats. After a steep drop along a root-ruptured track, we followed an extremely pleasant route beside Totara Creek. Not at all difficult! The final hurdle before lunch was the long suspension bridge over the Waiohine River. To the west the old cableway is still visible. This was the previous method of getting across the river and the great leader remembers using it 25 years ago!!!

Totara Flats is a large open area, very pleasant and ideal for camping. A fairly large hut exists midway along. Because this area is reasonably close to roadends it is very popular with trampers in the southern half of the North Island. We arrived fairly early in the afternoon and by the evening there were dozens of others from both major directions of access. Hunters, fishers, students, women's groups - you name it they were there. There was even a helicopter drop-in for the flyer to check on his young sons!

Despite continuing wind it was still clear and fine so we, the HTC tough types, decided to camp out because of the crowded hut. However the men couldn't decide on a suitable site and ended up in the hut. Susan and Christine camped out in very comfortable style. We even had a fire that evening and Craig toasted marshmallows for us all. Such decadence.

Sunday morning was still at last but overcast and threatening rain. We retraced our route back along Totara Creek and up the hill. Back down the highway and out to the carpark where we located the truck. The Holmes and Berry families had left, so we put the awning up and made ourselves comfortable. Just as well because steady rain set in after 3 pm. We managed to cope in spite of that and had an uneventful night. The next day cleared enough to dry the gear, chat with the ranger, wander about, listen to the birds and wait for the fast party. They duly arrived not long after midday and reported having a very enjoyable trip - not as windy as ours. We set off soon afterwards and even with a food detour to Masterton were back at Korokipo at about 5 o'clock.

SL

P.S. You might think we made a big deal about the weather we encountered in the Tararua FP. However, conditions there are notoriously fickle - it's been estimated by serious trampers from those parts that only 51 days a year on average are sunny there.

Party Members Sue Lopdell, Christine Hardie (leader), Leo Brunton, Lex and Craig Smith.

## **Cairn Trip 1996.**

**Trip 1676**

### Nov 17

With both the weekend trips to the cairn falling through due to lack of numbers it was up to my party of 11 plus a few hangers on to uphold the Club tradition of almost 50 years and remember those early Club members who lost their lives in the Second World War. So armed with wreath (courtesy of Robyn Berry's garden) and good spirits we left the Makahu Saddle carpark and Bing, who planned to enjoy the area around the carpark, just before 8 o'clock. The district weather forecast was for winds of 40 k/hr gusting to 60 k/hr and the wind was evident up there although not as bad as I had feared and at least it was sunny. We climbed up via Makahu spur meeting up with David Lewis on the way and the last of us reached Domini sometime after 9 for a rest and some nibbles.

We left Shirley at Domini to laze in the bushes in the sun and away from the wind and made our way further on up the spur. The last of us were passed by some keen lads hoisting mountain bikes on their shoulders (they planned to head north along the tops and go down Ballards spur - either by wheels or by air ) just before we reached the top. It was very windy on the tops as we jibbed our way along towards the Cairn arriving just below the cairn on the leese side a little before 11. Pam, Glennis and Liz had arrived at the cairn at much the same time (having spent the night at Domini) and as we munched a few more snacks Dave, Debbie, and Sandie arrived from Kiwi Creek. At 11 we held the service which, because of the strong cold winds, was very brief and breaking with tradition Arch, who was the oldest there, laid the wreath (as I didn't believe that anyone there could really claim to be young).

After a reasonably short lunch I managed to give most of my party away to Dave Harrington who was returning via Dons Spur and headed back to Domini with John, Margaret and Arch - Pam, Liz and Glennis also followed us. Back at Domini we aroused Shirley from her meditations and carried on down, taking Trial Spur for the descent. Near the bottom we watched a wood pigeon playing in the wind and listened to a bellbird singing - in a contorta tree of all places. We got back to the truck around two o'clock and after a bit of a rest a few of us were going to go along the Dons Spur track to meet the others. However, the others got back before we had left so Shirley and I just took a short trip to gaze into the beech forest just short on the Donald River. No one was in a great hurry to head back to town but eventually we did, arriving back into Hastings sometime around 5 o'clock.

GS

Party: Arch Lowe, Bing Potts, Shirley Bathgate, Wayne Burney, Jenny Lean, Doug King, Barry Pacey, John Jones, Margaret Jones, Chris Waldron, David Heap and leader, Glenda Hooper.  
Also attending the service were: David Lewis, Pam Turner, Liz Pindar, Glennis Taylor, David Harrington, Sandie Claudatos and Debbie Thomas.

### **Other Trips**

#### **Manawatu Gorge Trip**

Sunday 28 July.

At the civilized hour of 7.30 two carloads left Glenda and Peter's for the Dannevirke public toilets to meet Dave Mullinder. (I don't know who chose that meeting place!). We then drove to the car park just over the Gorge Bridge where Dave left his ute. We then drove on through the Gorge and parked our cars at the Palmerston North end. Peter managed to park his in a position that meant every one who stepped out was in a large muddy puddle.

It was a lovely, sunny, windless day so we began our trek enthusiastically. We had to walk about 100m on the river side of the road, then surprisingly the track drops down to pass under a bridge which isn't obvious from a car. We climbed up the treed gully, criss-crossing a small stream as we made our way to the top. It was then a very pleasant meander through lovely forest which stretches the length of the Gorge. At various lookouts we were able to look down onto the road and river and hear the traffic but for most of the day it felt like we were miles from civilization.

The two botanists in the party, Mike and Peter, explored and identified the undergrowth and tried to educate the rest of us. They pointed out Miro, Rimu, Rata, Totara and Kahikatea. They were impressed by the regeneration of plants normally wiped out by possum such as Pate and Five Finger. Despite assiduous searching they did not find a Peripatus. Our leader, Glenda, had to split these two David Bellamy pretenders because they were making our journey alarmingly slow.

It is a very good track with steps in all the steep bits and a flash new suspended walkway over a recent large slip. We chose not to drop down the track to where Dave's ute was but went further along the Klein Track which climbs up and around a spur above the Manawatu River before dropping down to the rest area just over the Balance Bridge. The three drivers went to retrieve the cars while we watched 8 fat wood pigeons feeding in tree lucernes beside the river. This leisurely trip took 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours.

R.L.

Party: Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Gloria & Graeme Abraham, Sue Lopdell, Robyn Berry, David Mullinder and Mike & Ros Lusk.

### **MOUNT KOHINGA TRIP - 25 AUGUST 1996**

A group of 18 left by private transport for Robson's Lodge at 7.30am with the prospect of a fine day and we were not to be disappointed. We arrived at Robson's Lodge at 8.45am wherein our leader found that the contents of his thermos flask had emptied into his back and some repacking was required.

We were away up the Charlie Brown track at 9.05am and soon met a hunter returning to base with two wild pigs he had shot, shortly afterwards we arrived at the Komata turn-off and started to climb quite steeply through Pine and brush breaking out onto a sunny spot at 10am where we stopped for the first of a few smoko stops close to a rocky outcrop.

Following the markers, we continued upward, pausing to take in the views from various points and crossing the clay pans which fortunately were dry, we arrived at the summit of Mount Kohinga at 11am. From here we had great views in all directions. Ruapehu in the north-west, the Kaweka's to our front and to the south, Big Hill Station and the road to No Man's hut.

Some compass work was done and photographs taken of the views, the Pine plantations seemed to be taking over the remaining farm land. Alva had commented on the number of different bird calls [at least six] which she had identified and Glenda told us a little more of the history of the area.

The party then carried on down following the markers to Kohinga Road where we stopped for a while for lunch and then we carried on down, completely missing the Mavis Road turn-off and had to retrace our steps for 400 metres. Fortunately John Staff knew the route quite well and we sidled around the base of Mt Kohinga and retraced our route back to the Charlie Brown Road, arriving back at our vehicles at 3.10pm and were back at Hastings at 5pm.

This trip was best described as a social trip and was a huge success in very pleasant conditions, thanks to the drivers for the extra duties.

R.B.

Lex Smith, Graeme & Gloria Sheppard, Judy McBride, Gail Harvey, Liz Pindar, Barbara Taylor, Alva McAdam, Glenda Hooper, John Staff, Shirley Bathgate, Mike Bull, Roz Lusk, Susan Lopdell, Robyn Berry, Robyn Madden, Rodger Burn, Mark Matthews.

### **Abel Tasman National Park**

I looked back to the stern of the boat and all I could see was were Mikes grinning eyes from the hood of his parker. I know what he was thinking, back 40 years to that rough crossing of the Sound of Sleet to the Isle of Sky but this time we were heading north up the coast of Abel Tasman National Park from Marahu to Tataranui to start our tramp down the coastal track. The boat was heading straight into the wind & weather. We had been in and out some of the bays and stopped to look at the seals on Tanga Island. Then at Totaranui I was impressed how he though the anchor over and backed into the beach so we all could get off dry footed.

We were going to spend a few hours on the northern section of the track while we waited for the tide to go down at Awaroa Inlet but the rain put paid to that so we crowded into the trampers room in the visitor center and squeezed our stove onto the table with the rest. I must point out that Mike & I meet the previous day for the first time in 40 years and it was as though we hadn't stopped tramping together. 3.30 pm Mike said come outside and yes the rain & wind had stopped so we packed up quickly & headed of south along the coastal track.

Two hours saw us at Awaroa Inlet we joined a few other trampers waiting for the tide to drop. We had one try but found it to deep so we back tracked and took our shorts off & I put my boots back on as the shells were sharp for ones bare feet. What a beautiful spot this was; the whole inlet was surrounded by bush covered hills and across the mud flats a kilometer away you could just make for Awaroa hut and the orange markers that you make for, but as we found out you can't walk straight to them eventually we were across and I washed out my boots at the tap especially provided. We had splashed out & booked into the private Awaroa Lodge which was 1/2 hour further on.

When we got there they really made you welcome everybody using Christian names & would we like to put a tab on the bar. So after a beer and hot shower we went back up to the lodge for one of their huge meals with wine. As you might have guessed we slept well that night with the moon streaming thought the window. Up at 6.30am we cooked our own breakfast and were away by 7.30 in perfect weather. Over the low Tonga Saddle & down to Onetahuti beach a kilometer of golden sand we had to ourselves. At the far end we could see the marker where the track left the beach and there was one of the many fine camp sites all with toilet, water, cooking shelters & fire places . At the next camp site the disused old Tanga quarry we meet our first people of the day; a couple were just packing up the their tent. She was an Australian girl taking her English boyfriend home to meet her parents.

The track does a lot on this walk as it cuts across head lands linking up the bays which we did over to Bark Bay hut. We could hear a generator going and when we got there their we found the young girl hut warden in overalls & dust mark sanding the floor with a small hand sander. Half the floor had already been polyurethaned already. They couldn't do it in winter because it was to cold & damp for it to dry. From Bark bay to Torrent Bay the track wound in & out of the gullies where the bush was manly rimu, northern rata with and under story of the tree ferns & nikau plans. On the ridges the was a lot of black beach & in the dryer places kanuka & manuka. At Torrent Bay there is a large area of private land with 20 or more houses in among the trees and the track takes you down a sandy street between them but they have no road access. They say there is a phone box but I didn't see it.

As the tide was in we had to go round the Torrent Bay Estuary which took quite a while. On the way we meet a young bloke working on the site of the old Torrent Bay Hut. He was the warden from Anchorage Hut. So as he said I will see you later. Strangely we didn't see many people on the track and the one we did we had fun trying to work were they were from. Going along the beach just before Anchorage but we meet a couple of blokes & cracked a joke that we were looking for a couple of sherpas and all we got was a vacant stare. it turned out they were Finns they couldn't understand English.

We staked our claim on a mattress in the hut then spent a pleasant few hours talking, eating, swimming then wandered over to Te Puketea Bay where we meet a young American kayaker camping. Back at the hut the warden carried out some diplomatic diplomacy to squeeze in 2 Israelis. Sleeping that night must have been what it was like being on a slave ship two rooms with 2 layers of six in each and us 2 old guys one snoring the other tripping over all the gear in the middle of the night I was beginning to wish we had camped.

After breakfast the next day we headed away on our last day on the track over another headland and down to Stilwell Bay where we came across Jo a young lass from Manchester having a day off from woofing (willing worker on organic farm) she joined us for the end of the track & most pleasant company she was.

Arriving at the information shelter at the end of the track we had lunch in the cafe there and had 1 1/2 hour wait for the bus to take us back to Motueka and said good-bye to Jo who biked off down the road after what was a most pleasant 3 days of interesting people and beautiful country. We found the track huts & camp sites very well maintained and no litter what so ever. There are several boat companies that run up the coast some from Marahau, some from Kaiteriteri, don't be like us and go to the wrong beach.

Jim Glass

### **FAMILY TRAMPS**

#### **Te Mata Park 18 August 1996**

A drizzly day succeeded in putting most families off this trip, but the Holmes and Hooper/Berry families decided to brave the weather. After a quick lunch under the shelter of the station wagon lift backs we ventured into the mist only to find that five minutes later raincoats had to come off and be carried for the rest of the afternoon. From the bottom carpark we ambled up to the top lookout, which gave eerie views of the mist below, then on around to the redwood grove for the compulsory bridge making session. From there it was a quick walk back to the cars, getting there just as the rain started again.

#### **Mangakuri Beach 29 September**

A good turn out for the last day of the school holidays. Everyone eventually meeting up at the Boaler's batch for morning tea. Graham loaded up the tractor and trailer and took off down to the south end of the beach. After an explore at that end of the beach it was back for lunch and a play in the sand until home time. A trip with very little tramping!

#### **Mt. Holdsworth 26 - 28 October 1996 by Daniel Berry (8 years)**

On the way to Masterton we stopped at Norsewood and had a play while Sue bought socks. We played on the flying fox and the Rocopus until it was time to go.. We went through Dannevirke and stopped at Woodville to have an iceblock, then we drove to Masterton and stopped at the Harcourts building. We walked to Queen Elizabeth Park to the information centre where Mum bought a map of the Wairarapa. We then walked round the park and walked to a Chinese takeaway shop and got fish and chips. We drove down to a park and ate the fish and chips and had a play. When we had finished at the park we drove to Mount Holdsworth camp in the Tararua Ranges and camped out in the Club truck. Before nightfall we explored the camp and set up the awning to keep our equipment in. Then we slept in the Club truck.

In the morning we played cricket for awhile until we had to go on a tramp. When we started walking the track was wide and it had lots of gravel on it. We stopped outside the bush to look at a native pigeon eating broom flowers. We walked to the signpost and decided to do the Donnelly Flats loop walk. We walked until we found a stream and we looked for freshwater crayfish. We walked for what seemed like hours until we got to Donnelly Flats then we went down to the river for a play. We got into our togs and played in the water until it was time to. We found the 5 minute Rata Walk which turned out to be about 30 seconds. When we got to the end there was a giant rata. Ratas are vine-like trees that grow around another tree and eventually kill it. We climbed up the vine roots and took turns at going inside the hollow parts made by the vines.



We walked back to the camping ground and had lunch and played down at the some river but at a different place. We played for a long time at the river until it was time to go for another walk. This time we went to Holdsworth lookout walk. My two sisters, Natalie and Donna pulled out with ten more minutes to go, so Mum had to take them down. But Claire, Glen, Sue and I kept on going till we got to the lookout, then we started walking down. It was duck when we got back to the camp ground. Sue said it took 55 minutes to get up and 32 minutes to get down.

The next day we went to Mount Bruce. When we got there we had morning tea and my sister sat on a prickly. We went inside and had a look at the souvenir shop and watched a film on NZ native animals. Then we went outside and saw saddlebacks, kokakos, stitchbirds, kakas, eels, geese, tuatara and trout. Then we went to the nocturnal house and we looked at insects moreporks and kiwi. We also saw geckos, skinks and a stuffed kakapo. We then went home.

### **Boundary Stream 10 November 1996**

Four families headed out on a cold blustery day for Boundary Stream area. We eventually decided to check out the bush walk through to Bell Rock on the Maungaharuru Range. We had a quick lunch before setting off through the bush, the bird life was evident straight away with tuis and bellbirds feeding off the fuschia, riflemen flitting around and pigeons flying through the tree tops. DOC have been busy in the area, they have set up many opossum bait stations throughout the reserve and there were a number of bird count position markers. After an hours steady climb up through the bush we came out on to the range and the cold southerly made its presence felt. We dropped out of the wind behind the rocky out crops and spent some time checking out the views of the Mohaka Valley, Ahimanawas and the Waipunga Forest. We decided it was too cold to continue on to Bell Rock and headed back into the bush and out of the wind. The Shaw and Boland/Bristows returned to Napier via Tutira while the Holmes and Hooper/Berrys took the Waitara and Taupo Roads, a slightly longer but interesting alternative.

Families participating during this period were: Avril & Blair Turvey, Erika & Conal Bristow, Claire & Glen Holmes, Daniel, Donna & Natalie Berry, Heather & Hamish Thurston, Tammy & Libby Boaler, Kerry & Jason Shaw, Jessica, Stephen, Kimberly & Russell Dodd, Billy & Louanne Hurrell, plus Mums, Dads & Grandparents.

## **FAMILY TRAMP FIXTURE LIST**

### **5 January**

Walk up Dutch Creek from Yeomans Mill and enjoy the swimming holes on the way.

### **12 January**

Plenty of scope for the family trampers to join in with the main Club trip to Coonoor Caves and Makairo bush. (See Club Fixture List)

### **18 - 19 January**

The annual trek to Kaweka Hut - camping out overnight.

### **25 - 26 January**

Another chance to join with the main Club trip and camp by the Tararua River at Pohokura Outstation. (See Club Fixture List)

### **9 February**

Waikoau Area: Explore the tomos, hanging valleys and take a swim while the rest of the Club goes down the river.

### **23 February**

Cape Kidnappers: Meet up with Club Trip from Rangaiika and study the cliffs and the gannets

### **15 - 16 March**

A weekend trip taking in the scenic reserves and the coast by Porangahau.

### **13 April**

Lawrence Hut and over the swing bridge and up towards Lotkow.



### SUBS

Subs are now due and if they are paid before the end of January they are \$5 cheaper than otherwise. The various categories and discounted prices are:

**ACTIVE - SENIOR - \$25** - This sub is for all active trampers (i.e. attend 1 or more Club trips in a year) who are not covered by the ACTIVE FAMILY or ACTIVE JUNIOR category. This sub entitles you to 1 FMC card (which can give you substantial discounts e.g. for Annual Hut Passes and travel) and 1 set of Pohokura. Non active members who would like to get an FMC card can also joint as an Active Senior.

**ACTIVE FAMILY - \$35** - This is the sub for a couple or one parent and one child who are both active. It entitles you to 2 FMC cards and 1 set of the Pohokura.

**ACTIVE - JUNIOR - \$13** - This is the sub for an active trampster who is still at school. It entitles you to one FMC card and 1 set of Pohokura.

**YOUNG FAMILY - \$25** - This sub is for families whose only involvement with the Club is on the tramps which are designed for the children as described in the Family Tramps section. It entitles the family to 1 FMC card and 1 set of Pohokura.

**ASSOCIATE: - \$10** - This is the sub for past active members of the Club who still want to keep in touch, it is also the sub for non members wishing to obtain a copy of the Pohokura. The sub entitles you to one set of Pohokura for the year.

NB. For payments after 31 January 1997 please add \$5 to the above amounts.

# MACPAC KAWEKA CHALLENGE

February 15 - 16 1997

It's time again for the running of the eighth Kaweka Challenge organised jointly by the Heretaunga Tramping Club and the Hawkes Bay Orienteering Club, assisted by members of the Hawkes Bay Amateur Radio. Set in the Kaweka Range, the event provides a demanding contest against the terrain and elements. The event has something for everyone - for the seriously competitive and for those who seek no more than a rewarding personal challenge in magnificent mountain surroundings.

The pattern of support for the different courses changes with the passing of time. This year we've shortened the longest solo course and have added a Sunday short course that will be of special interest to first time entrants and harriers.

The courses are as follows:

## **COURSE A: KAWEKA 1 DAY SOLO CLASSIC - SATURDAY**

Category: Super fit  
Age limit: Minimum age of 18 years  
Length: Approximately 41 km  
Climb: Approx. 3060 m  
Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill. Follow the ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi to Kaweka J (1724 m), the highest point in Hawkes Bay. Down Don's spur to Makahu Saddle and return via the Matauria Ridge, Mackintosh Plateau and Lakes carpark to finish at the Event Centre.

## **COURSE B: MAKAHU 2 DAY PAIRS - SATURDAY /SUNDAY**

Category: Extra fit  
Age Limit: Minimum age of 16 years for both competitors  
Length: Approx. 41 km  
Climb: Approx. 3060 m  
Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill. Follow the ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi to Kaweka J (1724 m). Down Don's Spur to overnight at Makahu Saddle.  
Sunday: Return via the Matauria Ridge, Mackintosh Plateau and Lakes carpark to finish at the Event Centre.

## **COURSE C: KAIARAHİ 1 DAY SOLO - SATURDAY**

Category: Extra fit  
Age Limit: Minimum age of 16 years.  
Length: Approx. 28 km  
Climb: Approx. 2150 m  
Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill. Follow the ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi (1500 m) to Mackintosh Spur. Down Mackintosh Spur and south along the Kaweka track. Return via Lakes carpark to finish at the Event Centre.

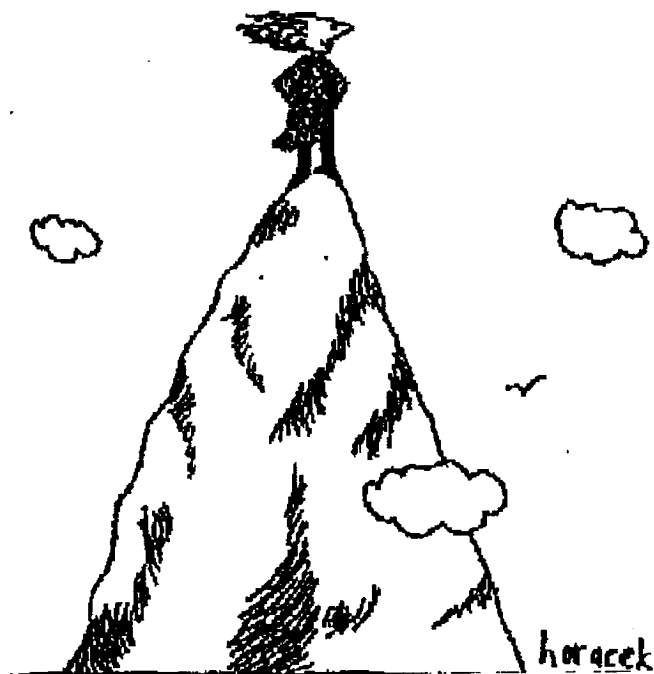
## **COURSE D: MACKINTOSH 2 DAY PAIRS - SATURDAY/SUNDAY**

Category: Fit  
Age Limit: Minimum age of 16 years for both competitors  
Length: Approx. 30 km  
Climb: Approx. 2160 m  
Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill. Follow the ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi (1500 m) to Mackintosh Spur. Down Mackintosh Spur to overnight camp site beside Mackintosh Hut.  
Sunday: Return via Lakes Carpark to finish at the Event Centre

## **COURSE E: KURIPAPANGO 1 DAY SOLO - SUNDAY**

Category: Fit  
Age Limit: Minimum age of 16 years  
Length: Approx. 13 km  
Climb: Approx. 950 m  
Sunday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill (1250 m). Descend to the Lakes Carpark and return around the base of Kuripapango Hill to finish at the Event Centre.

### **Woman with Altitude**



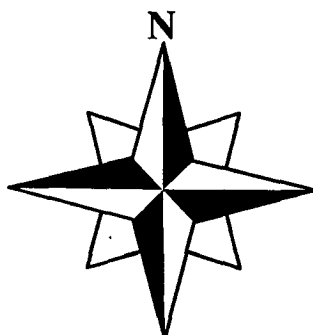
## MEETING DATES AND DUTIES

	HOSTS	SUPPER
<b>Jan 8</b>	Philip Mardon, Christiana Stevens	Lew Harrison, Sandy Claudatos
<b>Jan 22</b>	Darren Sayer, Lex Smith	Shirley Bathgate, James Chittenden
<b>Feb 5</b>	Ed Holmes, Chris Waldron	Wayne Hatcher, Christine Hardie
<b>Feb 19</b>	Lord Lyn, Robyn Madden	Lady Lyn, Dave Cormack
<b>Mar 5</b>	Mike Lusk, Margaret Jones	John Berry, Gloria Abraham
<b>Mar 19</b>	Rodger Burn, Mike Malone	Paul Smith, Margaret Jones
<b>Apr 2</b>	Jim Glass, Elissa Cairns	Gavin Scoble, Judy McBride
<b>Apr 11</b>	Ross Berry, Pam Turner	Debbie Thomas, John Montgomerie
<b>Apr 30</b>	John Staff, Sandy Wiggins	Leo Brunton, Deborah Turner
<b>May 14</b>	David Harrington, Jenny Lean	Barry Pacey, Anne Cantrick
<b>May 28</b>	Liz Opindar, Gary Smith	Ros Lusk, David Heaps

## ENTERTAINMENT

<b>Jan 8</b>	Social
<b>Jan 22</b>	Israel; Neal Mora
<b>Feb 5</b>	Trekking in Nepal with Robyn Shaw
<b>Feb 19</b>	Club Auction - bring all your old tat, bric a brac, kitch, produce, chooks, dead possums, unwanted husbands eg Lord L. Many keen buyers will be in attendance - mostly to recycle last years goods
<b>Mar 5</b>	A hisitory of Puketitiri - Pam Turner
<b>Mar 19</b>	Slides of yesteryear
<b>Apr 2</b>	Plant Identification with Mike Lusk and John Montgomerie

## Future Events - Progressive Dinner



## TRAINING

### SEMINARS FOR MALE TRAMPERS

Female members will be offering the following courses to men of all marital status. Please note: the names of some courses have been changed. Attendance in at least 10 of the following courses is mandatory. Please see the secretary after meetings to enrol.

- 1 Combating Stupidity
- 2 You too can do Housework
- 3 PMS - Learning when to keep your mouth shut
- 4 How to fill an ice tray
- 5 We do not want sleazy underthings for Christmas - give us money!
- 6 Understanding the female response to your coming in drunk at 4.00 am
- 7 Wonderful laundry techniques (formerly titled 'Don't wash my silks')
- 8 Parenting - No, it doesn't end with conception
- 9 Get a life - learn to cook
- 10 How to not act like an asshole when you're obviously wrong
- 11 Spelling - even you can get it right
- 12 Understanding your financial incompetence
- 13 You - the weaker sex
- 14 Reasons to give flowers
- 15 How to stay awake after sex
- 16 Why it's unacceptable to relieve yourself anywhere but in the bathroom
- 17 Garbage - getting it to the kerb
- 18 #101 You can fall asleep without IT if you really try
- 19 #201 'The Morning Dilemma' - If IT's awake, take a shower
- 20 I'll wear it if I damn well please
- 21 How to put the toilet lid down (formerly titled 'No, it's not a Bidet')
- 22 'The Weekend' and 'Sports' are not synonyms
- 23 Give me a break! - Why we know your excuses are bullshit
- 24 How to go shopping with your mate - without getting lost
- 25 The Remote Control - overcoming your dependency
- 26 Romanticism - other ideas besides sex
- 27 Helpful postural hints for couch potatoes
- 28 Mother-in-laws - they are people too
- 29 How not to act younger than your children
- 30 You too can be a designated driver
- 31 Male bonding - leaving your friends at home
- 32 Honest, you don't look like Mel Gibson - especially when naked!
- 33 Changing your underwear - it really works
- 34 The attainable goal - omitting '%\$#@!' from your vocabulary
- 35 Fluffing the blankets after farting is not necessary

## HTC PHONE LIST

Abraham; Gloria&Graham.	Flat 3/ 305, Nelson Street South, Hastings.	876 3858
Almond; Bruce.	35 Walton Way, Flaxmere.	879 6588
Bathgate; Shirley.	29 Campbell Street, Havelock North.	877 8511
Berry; Ross & Robyn.	27 Hikanui Drive, Havelock North.	877 4436
Berry; John & Karen.	12 Lucknow Road, Havelock North.	877 6205
Berry; Alan & Kath.	10 Nimon Street, Havelock North.	877 7223
Berry/Hooper; Peter&Glenda.	14 Lucknow Road, Havelock North.	877 4183
Blackburn; Gerald & Lynette.	31 Busby Hill, Havelock North.	876 9394
Boaler; Graeme & Heather.	35 Guthrie Road, Havelock North.	877 4698
Bowker/Hawke; Rick & Jan.	709a Roberts Street, Hastings.	878 2828
Bristow/Boland; Greg&Josie.	99 Chaucer Rd Nth, Napier.	835 1805
Brown; Owen.	15 McGrath Street, Napier.	835 3908
Brown; Nigel.	9 Selwyn Rd, Havelock North.	877 5468
Brunton; Leo.	13 Howard Road, Taradale.	844 7228
Bull; Mike.	51 Liverpool Crescent, Tamatea.	843 6052
Burn; Rodger.	69 Te Mata Rd, Havelock North.	877 6322
Cairns; Ellisa.	58 Burness Road, Taradale.	844 3384
Cantrick; Anne.	35c Church Road, Taradale.	844 8149
Chittenden; James.	32 Glamorgan Ave, Tamatea.	844 6486
Claudatos; Sandy.	24 Lighthouse Rd, Nariet.	835 2073
Clibborn; Geoff.	30 Kent Tce, Taradale.	844 6039
Cormack; David.	23 Selwyn Rd, Havelock North.	877 5903
Cornes; Henry.	416 Massey Street, Hastings.	876 8882
De Treend; Ricardo.	700 Tomoana Rd, Hastings.	876 6887
Dodd; Juliet & Chris.	Aorangi Rd, R.D.1, Hastings.	874 9629
Elliot; Beth & Peter.	9 Ashridge Rd, Napier.	834 2020
Friedeman; Marjoleine.	PO Box 8540, Te Mata Peak Rd, Havelock North.	877 4731
Gentry; Lyn & Lyn.	Parkhill Road, R.D.2, Hastings.	875 0542
Glass; Jim.	13 Tanner Street, Havelock North.	877 8748
Goldfinch; Randall.	3 Ellerslie Avenue, Chedworth, Hamilton.	(07) 854 7083
Handyside; Paul.	PO Box 8287, Havelock North.	856 8150
Hardie; Christine.	35c Church Road, Taradale.	844 8149
Harrington/Thomas; David&Debbie.	1440 State Highway 50, R.D.3, Napier.	844 9059
Harrison; Lew.	808 Park Road South, Hastings.	878 5701
Harvey; Gail.	817 Clive Street, Hastings.	876 8918
Hatcher/Stevens; Wayne&Chris.	911a Outram Rd, Hastings.	878 8001
Hay; Nicholas.	1005 Caroline Rd, Hastings.	876 2801
Heaps; David & Paul.	160 Clifton Rd, Te Awanga.	875 0088
Holmes; Edward & Susan.	Puketapu Road, R.D.3, Napier.	844 6032
Jones; Margaret & John.	22 Kaweka Place, Havelock Nth.	877 5556
King; Doug.	PO Box 371, Hastings.	870 9500
Lean; Jenny.	978 Riverslea Road South, Hastings.	876 9722
Leslie; Mandy.	1 Omega Place, Hastings.	876 6752
Lopdell; Susan.	55 Waterhouse Street, Taradale.	844 6697
Lowe; Arch.	1012 Rata Street, Hastings.	878 8875
Lusk; Mike & Roslyn.	158 Te Mata Peak Rd, Havelock North.	877 8328
MacMillan; Calum & Amanda.	Mangatahi Rd, R.D.1, Hastings.	874 9712
Madden; Robyn.	65 Osier Rd, Napier.	844 9661
Mallow; Martin.	207 Wolsely Street, Hastings.	878 3414
Malone; Mike.	9 James Cook Street, Havelock North.	877 8332
Mardon; Philip.	24 Evenden Rd, Hastings.	876 8558
McAdam; Alva.	62 Harold Ave, Napier.	843 9135

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McBride; Judy.	101 Kenilworth Road, Hastings.	876 9756
Mercer; Julie.	1224 Norfolk Cres, Hastings.	878 3246
Moffitt; Alastair.	41 O'Dowd Road, Taradale.	844 3693
Montgomerie; John.	11 Gardiner Place, Havelock North.	877 7358
Mora; Neil.	C/ ARL, PO Box 989, Napier.	878 2892
Nicoll; Steven.	16 Kopanga Road, Havelock North.	877 5174
Pacey; Barry.	7 Allen Lane, Clive.	870 0081
Perry; Russell.	308 Townschend St, Hastings.	878 8870
Pindar; Liz.	Station Road, R.D.2, Hastings.	870 0145
Potts; Bing.	721 Pakowhai Rd, Hastings.	876 7724
Prebble; George.	711 Maitland Crescent, Hastings.	878 6024
Pryier; Peter.	905 Anson Street, Hastings.	876 5666
Robinson; Geoff.	605a Grays Road, Hastings.	878 7863
Sayer; Darren.	Flat 3, 704 Charles St, Hastings.	876 3158
Scoble; Gavin.	Rotowhenua Rd, R.D.2, Napier.	844 4350
Shaw; Craig.	27 Sanders Ave, Napier.	843 7242
Shepherd; Graham.	83 Bill Hercock St, Greenmeadows.	843 7787
Smith; Paul.	298 Turamoe Rd, R.D.11, Hastings.	876 2803
Smith; Lex.	1 Reeve Drive, Havelock North.	877 4087
Smith; Jackie.	1009e Heretaunga Street, Hastings.	876 8249
Smith; Garry.	131 Avondale Rd, Napier.	844 9931
Staff; John.	9 Fannin St, Bay View.	836 6927
Taylor; Glenys.	905 Florence St, Hastings.	876 3511
Taylor; Barbara.	12 Kuku Street, Te Awanga.	875 0532
Thorp; Graham & Marilyn.	110 Riverbend Road, Napier.	843 4238
Thurston; Clive & Karen.	6 Kopanga Rd, Havelock North.	877 6396
Todd; Hannah.	502 Frederick Street, Hastings.	876 4471
Turner; Deborah.	Glenmore, R.D.4, Napier.	839 8877
Turner; Kathy.	796 Gladstone Road, Gisborne.	(06) 876 8005
Turner; Eileen.	414w Lyndon Road, Hastings.	876 8995
Turner; Pam.	414w Lyndon Road, Hastings.	876 8995
Turvey; Janet.	165 Georges Drive, Napier.	835 7041
Waldron; Chris.	11 Pipi Street, Te Awanga.	875 0034
Ward; Kay.	452 Raukawa Rd, R.D.4, Hastings.	879 5903
Webber; Lisa.	1015e Heretaunga Street, Hastings.	876 0666
Whitaker; Alan.	806 Francis Hicks Avenue, Hastings.	876 7035
Wiggins; Sandy.	Hukunui Station, R.D.4, Napier.	839 8884

Current As At 1/12/96 : For Alterations/Amendments Contact Glenda Hooper (8774183).



## FIXTURES LIST

Jan - May 1997

- **Jan 12: Coonoor Caves - Makairo Bush**

Driver required

Leader: Paul Smith

Visti Coonoor caves for 2 - 4 hours and/or Makairo Bush walk.

- **Jan 25 - 26: Kawekas - Taruarau Pack Float** Map U20, U21 \$10

Driver required:

Party A: In from Taihape Rd to Pohukura outstation bridge. Camp overnight. Trip for thrill seekers - compulsory pack floating and plenty of it. Great fishing.

Leader: John Berry 877 6205

Party B: Leader required. Day trip. Pohukura Outstation - Shutes.

- **Feb 9: Waikoau Gorge area** Map V20 \$10

Driver: Craig Shaw 843 7242

This popular and interesting area of caves, massive rocks and river has scope for all abilities. An adventure trip for those wanting to do the river and canyon. Bring your camera.

Leaders: Mr Lyn and Sue Lopdell.

- **Feb 15 - 16: MacPac Kaweka Challenge.**

- **Feb 22 - 23: Rangaiika Beach - Cape Kidnappers - Clifton**

\$5

Driver: Ross Berry 877 4436

Party A: Late start Saturday, approx. 11 am from Ocean Beach with an overnight camp on the sandy shores of Rangaiika Lagoon. Be prepared for fishing and swimming. Sunday morning to the Cape to meet the day party.

Leader: Mr Lyn 875 0542

Party B: Late start Sunday to wander to the cape and see the Gannets at their prime time. Dave Heaps will explain the geology of the cliffs.

Leader: Mrs Lyn 875 0542

- **March 2: Extra, local day trip - Maraetotara River.**

Coast - Craggy Range Rd. Scenic river area.

Leader: Chris Waldron 875 0034

- **March 8 - 9: Ruahines - Howletts - Working Bee**

Driver: Craig Shaw

From Moorcock Base into Daphne Hut and up Daphne spur to our club hut. Option of whether to go down river or overland to the truck. Option for people to stay over at Daphne.

Leader: Leo Brunton 844 7228

Local day trip: Khyber Pass. Contact Lady Lyn 875 0542

- **March 23: Ruahines : Nomans - Waitutaki Stream** Map U21 \$10

Driver : Craig Shaw 843 7242

Party A: Down Resolution Ridge to Ngaroruro River and up to Waitutaki Stream.

Leader: David Harrington

Party B: Nomans - Tararau Bivy, down to Diane's Hut and out to road.

Leader: Craig Shaw

- **March 28 - 31: Easter trip: Waitotara** Map R20, R21 \$25

Driver: Peter Berry 877 4183

From road end visiting huts - Trains, Tahupo, Maungarau and Poheka. A round trip which is reasonably flat. Up to the 400m mark with ridge travel and a couple of big grunts around a river. Plenty of scope for day trips.

Leader : Mike bull 843 6052

Local Day trip: Yeomans

- **April 6: Maungahururu** Maps V19 & V20.

Driver: Ross Berry.

Party A: From Pohokura Saddle to Bell Rock and up onto Taraponui Trig and out to the Titikura Summit via Ahuateatua and Kopua Trigs.

Leader: Mike Lusk 877 8328

Party B: Into Bell Rock and out, then drive around to Titikura Summit stopping for lunch at the Organs on the Mohaka River.

Leader required

- **April 19 - 20 Kawekas - Rocks Ahead** Map U20 \$10

Driver: David Heaps 875 0088

Party A: From Makahu Saddle, over Kaweka J, down back Ridge to Maminga into Rocks Ahead Stream down to hut. Out via Back Ridge.

Leader: David Harrington.

Party B: Over Kaweka J to Ballards Hut. Down Camp Spur and out via Kaweka Flats.

Leader: Gavin Scoble 844 3350

- **April 25 - 27 ANZAC Kaimanawas - Poronui - Tussock Hut** Map U19 \$20.

Driver: Craig Shaw 843 7242

Party A: Poronui - Tussock. Into Poronui - Oamaru Hut. Up Oamaru River, then up a side creek and overland to Tussock Hut. Exit via another side stream into Mohaka River.

Leader: Craig Shaw

Party B: Poronui - Oamaru. and out via Te Iringa Hut - meet truck at intersection.

Local day trip. Te Kowhai - Don Juan

Contact Glenda Hooper.

- **May 4: Kawekas - Hoodoo Creek.** Map U21 \$10

Driver David Heaps 875 0088

Party A: In from Napier - Taihape road on the other side of Gentle Annie. Up stream for 3 km to a 15m waterfall. Climb out up onto Te Iringa and back onto Napier-Taihape Rd via main route.

Leader: Craig Shaw.

Party B: Up onto Te Iringa, down to Cameron and out down Ngaroruro River to Water Gauge.

Party C: Day Trip: A dry feet alternative and a chance to practice map & compass. From Te Mahanga Station, past Boyds Homestead, up to Hoodoo Saddle through Te Iringa and out.

- **May 17 -18: Waipunga** Maps V18, V19 \$10

Driver: Ed Holmes 844 6032

An area off the Napier - Taupo Rd with beautiful podocarps and possible sightings of blue duck on the Matahuhio Stream. Good tracks and camping in the area.

### Overdue Trampers

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush before dark, safety considerations must come first. This may mean that parties are late returning to the transport. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take 2 hours or more to return to the embarkation point. Beginners should make sure that anyone who may worry about them is informed of this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the 'overdue contacts', if return seems likely to be later than 10 pm. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list the party leaders leave in town. For all enquiries about overdue trampers, please ring one of the following.

**Ross Berry 877 4436**

**Jim Glass 877 8748**

**Glenda Hooper 877 4183**

**HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC)**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996**

INCOME	NOTES	1996	1995
Subscriptions		2655	2759
Equipment hire		213	297
Fares received		4185	4605
Meeting Contributions		363	394
Donations			
Hut		180	254
General		157	140
Motere trust		300	400
Auctions			388
Macpac Kaweka Challenge		1700	2550
Fund-raising		3366	3127
Interest Income		1877	1997
Sundry		59	4
Sales			
Maps (Net)		112	739
Hut passes		28	48
Sundry		146	7
		<hr/> 15341	<hr/> 17709

**EXPENSES**

Audit & Accountancy		344	1650
Write Off (old projector)		56	100
General Expenses		54	197
Donations		205	50
Insurance (huts & equipment)		289	281
Rent of meeting room		300	216
Stationery, photocopying stamps etc.		440	863
Supper & social expenses		208	313
Library & photo album			112
FMC Capitation		960	936
Bulletin		547	380
Hut maintenance		216	2414
Subscriptions		77	102
Training			290
Transport costs		3383	2776
Purchase of items for resale		569	681
Jubilee		538	
Jubilee Pohokura		102	
Equipment: maintenance & minor items		258	
Depreciation	2	<hr/> 3566	<hr/> 3524
		12112	14885

**NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED  
TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

**3230                      2824**

*10/11/96*

**HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC)**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1996**

	1996	1995
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on hand	80	103
Trustbank Cheque Account	962	2166
Trustbank Activities Account	closed	67
Accounts receivable	199	841
	<hr/> 1241	<hr/> 3177
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Trustbank term deposits	10604	16072
Hastings Building Society	20040	8581
Fixed Assets	34931	37099
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<hr/> 66816	<hr/> 64929
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry payables	250	750
Jubilee money received in advance (net)		768
Subscriptions received in advance		75
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<hr/> 250	<hr/> 1593
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<hr/> 66566	<hr/> 63336
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Balance at 1 October 1995	63336	60712
Surplus for the year	3230	2824
Expenditure from special funds		-200
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<hr/> 66566	<hr/> 63336

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)**

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

With organisations such as the Club, it is not possible for the auditors to verify all cash received during the year and my examination of income has accordingly been limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits. I 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 proceeding paragraph, in my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a fair view of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 September 1996 and of the financial position at that date.

**W.A. Stacey. ACA**

*W A Stacey* 8/11/96

*S W Hooker*  
Treasurer