

**HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB PO BOX 14086 MAYFAIR HASTINGS**

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**Club Meetings:** These are held every second Wednesday (before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7:25pm, visitors are most welcome.  
50 c donation gratefully accepted each meeting towards hall hire (*place in the old boot*).

## President's Report 2003

I am pleased to be able to report another busy and successful year for HTC, with a full range of tramping and more than the usual activity beyond wandering about over hill and vale.

The fixtures committee worked hard to design a programme of tramps to suit all tastes and I think received more help from suggestions from the floor than has sometimes been the case. Particular thanks go to those who have taken on the responsibilities of organising each tramp. This is a most important role and with the team approach we always adopt, is never as demanding as one might think.

Andy and Tina have maintained the high standard of our bulletin Pohokura, and the inclusion of photos has been a considerable enhancement. They had a major extra responsibility this year in the form of the special edition to celebrate George Lowe's long connection with the club, and did a superb job.

Club finances remain in a strong position, with both the usual fundraisers continuing to be highly successful events. Our involvement in The Kaweka Challenge gives the Club a profile well beyond the district, and I am pleased the organising committee has not been spooked by the increasing anxieties put on us all by the need to eliminate any semblance of risk.

This year we lost a well-loved and active club member, Leo Brunton. His many friends in HTC provided both him and his family with the best support they could, and I have no doubt we all give Leo a thought from time to time as we tramp.

The loss of Kaweka Hut was a great disappointment, especially at a time when major decisions about its preservation were in the offing. Obituaries appeared in both FMC Bulletin and in Wilderness Magazine. Plans are forming concerning a suitable replacement. We continue to maintain a close and co-operative contact with our local DOC people, and many of us have attended meetings concerning matters of interest such as access and the tramping environment.

Socially there have been a number of successful events and of course club meetings are most important for this aspect of our relationship within the club.

Thanks to Glenda for arranging 2nd half entertainment, to Jenny for her reliable supper presentation, and to all of you who help make our gatherings such pleasant evenings.

Finally thanks to the committee who endure long meetings to guide the club. The support I receive make my job a very enjoyable one. I have been aiming to delegate everything and take all the credit, and have nearly achieved it. I look forward to sharing another successful year with you all.

M Lusk

## Club Captain's & Hut Report 2003

Trips this year were generally well attended and included the Tararua, Ruahine, Kaweka and Urewera Forest Parks and a winter weekend trip to Ruapehu.

A few new members have joined the Club this year, which is good for boosting our numbers. I wish them all an enjoyable stay.

A sad event recently saw the demise of Kaweka Hut by fire. Work was needing to be done to it, that was quite substantial, so in some ways it was a blessing in disguise. But nevertheless it was a grand old hut and had many people over the years visit it and stay. A team of willing members made short work of the clean up and DOC removed all the old iron and sundry by helicopter. Discussions about replacement is underway with DOC at present.

Our other huts are in good state with usual maintenance and painting at regular intervals.

Trip ideas have been good so keep them coming for next year please. Leaders as usual seem to be the same stalwarts, which is good, but we need others to give leading a crack. There is always an experienced member to act as a back up.

Thanks to Mike, Graeme, and the rest of the Committee for another successful year in the running of the HTC.

Get out there and do it,  
Before your day of reckoning.  
The hills are looking down on us,  
And forever beckoning.

Happy Christmas  
Dave Heaps.

## Truck Report 2003

Another year of trouble-free running has taken the truck's odometer to 35,000 km.

Refinements in the past year include a single (battery-saving) tail light required for on-street night parking, and a permanently-fitted fold-away, gasfired water-heating thermette for hot drinks at road-ends.

Three EPIRB's (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons) are living at present in the truck's glove-box, but will soon have a storage rack in the passenger body, near the Pohokura rack. These units are small, light and rugged, and one should go with each party on tramping trips.

Truck operating costs have two main components, Fixed Costs and Running Costs

Fixed Costs are :- Registration, Insurance, Cert.of Fitness, Depreciation and Storage. These costs are the same whether the truck is used or not.

Running Costs are :- Fuel, Tyres, Road-user Charges, and Servicing. At present 25cents per kilometre covers these four items.

It is proposed to do a few more "during the working week" trips for retired members, and those with flexible employment arrangements, on the understanding that all running costs are covered by those travelling. We understand that not all members would be able to do such trips (truck couldn't take all anyway!), but they can when they retire in their turn.

Look out for proposals for a full-week "Coromandel Caper" around March 2004 as a follow-up to this year's Wairarapa Womble.

Keep on truckin' along,

Geoff Clibborn

**CLUB ACCOUNTS – 2003** by Lex Smith, Treasurer

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Subscriptions		\$1,889	\$3,249
Equipment hire		\$65	\$16
Fares received		\$3,528	\$4,030
Meeting Contributions		\$393	\$410
Donations			
Hut		\$540	\$228
General		\$95	\$105
Motere trust		\$200	\$200
Fund-raising		\$12,591	\$9,291
Interest Income		\$1,145	\$1,289
Sundry		\$0	\$0
Sales		-\$64	\$132
		<b>\$20,381</b>	<b>\$18,950</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Audit & Accountancy		\$250	\$250
General Expenses		\$115	\$236
Donations		\$397	\$472
Insurance (huts & equipment)		\$566	\$453
Rent of meeting room		\$144	\$300
Stationery, photocopying stamps etc.		\$317	\$308
Supper & social expenses		\$192	\$219
Library & photo album		\$180	\$0
FMC Capitation		\$900	\$930
Bulletin		\$1,454	\$923
Training		\$0	\$0
Hut maintenance		\$708	\$191
Subscriptions		\$82	\$82
Transport costs		\$2,998	\$3,006
Truck Insurance		\$582	\$582
Phones		\$0	\$0
Write off Shed			
Depreciation		\$5,236	\$5,300
		<b>\$14,121</b>	<b>\$13,252</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>\$6,260</b>	<b>\$5,698</b>

	2003	2002
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
KAWEKA deposit	\$600	600
Cash on hand	\$0	\$0
Westpac Cheque Account	\$913	\$11,340
Accounts receivable	\$0	\$0
	<u>\$1,513</u>	<u>\$11,940</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Westpac Term Deposits	\$12,000	\$25,992
Hastings Building Society Term Deposit	\$35,000	
Hastings Building Society	\$132	\$132
Fixed Assets	\$48,171	\$52,492
	<u>\$96,816</u>	<u>\$90,556</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry payables	\$250	\$250
	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$96,566</u>	<u>\$90,306</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Balance at 1 October 2002	\$90,306	\$84,608
Surplus for the year	\$6,260	\$5,698
	<u>\$96,566</u>	<u>\$90,306</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
<b>AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)</b>		
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 2003 and of the financial position at that date.		
W.A. Stacey. ACA(Retired)	J.A. Smith Treasurer	

## **TRAINING BULLETIN – LEADING TRIPS**

Club trips are often looking for trip organisers. Leaders are essential for trips to run and it's always better to have them assigned in the Pohokura. Being the trip organiser does take a bit of extra effort but if you're keen to develop your outdoor skills and you enjoy being involved in what the group does over the weekend then have a go.



Enlist the help of other experienced members – they're usually more than happy to be your deputy/navigator. You don't necessarily need to have been to the area before. It's also useful if all members know what needs to be done and can lend a hand, the following points are set out for guidance:

### **Before the trip:**

- Check the route, have a look at the map, ask someone who knows the area for advice if necessary. How long will the trip take? An average party will cover:
  - 3 to 4 kms per hour on easy going
  - 2 kms per hour on rough ground
  - Add an hour for each 300 metres climbed or 400 metres descended.
- Check if permission required from a landowner – if it is make that call, most are very obliging.
- Outline the trip at the two previous meetings. Explain if any special equipment, clothing or overnight gear is required. Time and place of pickups.
- Get 2 copies of the trip list. Get together with the people going, especially if new members for any further discussions. Share tents/cooking.
- If ice axe and crampons are required make sure they're in the truck.
- If you can't get a truck driver organise private transport.

### **During the trip:**

- If leaving from Parnells then leave an updated trip list in the mail box. Take the other one with you in the truck.
- Collect the trip fares.
- See that party gear is fairly distributed, bearing in mind the relative fitness of members. Have a quick check that members are adequately prepared/not overburdened.
- Discuss the route with the party. Share thoughts on difficulties, risks and alternatives.
- Choose the route. See that the party does not get too strung out.
- Monitor the progress of the party. Are you on schedule?
- Make sure entries are left in hut books.
- If it is required to split the party – arrange for a sub-leader, map and gear for the other group, your responsibility is to the slowest party, arrange to reunite and contingencies.
- If it's obvious that the party won't reach Hastings by 10pm phone and advise as soon as possible.

### **After the trip:**

- Write the trip report for the Pohokura – or delegate.
- Give an oral trip report at the next club meeting.
- Give the trip fares to the treasurer.

(FMC Leadership course 20, 21 March, details in FMC mag. Being run by Ray Goldring, legendary and very entertaining.)

# TRIP REPORTS

## Kaweka Flats – Day trip

17 August, 2003

Three souls set out for Kaweka Flats; Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman and Jude Addenbrooke.

Jude was new to the club and it was her first outing with us, having arrived in Hawkes Bay from the South Island a few weeks ago. The day dawned sunny and clear, contrary to the weather forecast, so we set out for Makahu Saddle in high spirits hoping to impress our new recruit.

Indeed the day turned out to be perfect. The bush was green and lush and the snow grass around the bivvy was at its very best as were the mountain cabbage trees. After a brief stop here we pushed on to the old whare and, following Mike's markers, we soon arrived at the 1870's hut. It never fails to thrill with its old totara slab walls, mud floor and slat bunks. The hut had been checked out by DOC a few days earlier and was in good shape.

Returning, we became briefly lost in the beech forest, but soon found our way back to the bivvy, where we had lunch in the glorious sunshine, enjoying the scenery of the snow topped mountains. Back into the bush again where we attracted a gang of whiteheads, but, sadly, no other bird life seemed to be around. We were soon back at the carpark, the only visitors on this lovely day, and we arrived back in Hastings around 5pm. Thanks to Jude for driving, another great day of tramping.

## Kaweka J - Ihaka Spur Circuit

31 August, 2003

### Party A

The planned trip into the Middle Hill – Makino area had to be changed due to slips blocking the Makahu Rd. So instead, it was decided that we would climb Kaweka J, head north and drop down Ihaka Spur returning to the carpark via Kaweka flats.

We arrived at Makahu carpark on a nice crisp sunny winter's day. We departed from the truck at 8am, to make our way up Trials Spur. The ice on the south facing plants and rocks were absolutely amazing. The wind had sculptured the ice into horizontal, grotesque formations. From Dominie Bivy onwards, our boots were crunching on firmly packed snow as we continued upwards.

Up on the tops, a short distance along heading north, there was a lovely big slope that was ideal for some bum sliding. So out with the plastic and carry mats. After lots of laughing and photo's it was time to carry on with the tramp. The first of the B party appeared on the tops as we gathering our belongings back into our packs. A few unnamed people didn't have sunglasses, so some inventive eye protection was fashioned by using tape and spare lens, with another member of the party making do with a borrowed pair. So off we set at a sizzling pace, trying to keep sight of the superwoman from the bike shop, aka, Jill. Around North Kawaka, the pace slow down a tad due to couple of rather slippery patches of ice, where it would have been nice to have an ice axe each.

We stopped for lunch on a high point, just before Ihaka Spur. Shortly after this, it started to cloud over and snow, forcing us to don raincoats. It wasn't until we were well down Ihaka Spur that the sun was shinning again. Kaweka Flats Bivy was a lovely spot for afternoon tea, and it was great to look up at the main range glistening in snow, and to see where we had just been. Time was marching on, and we knew the B party would be waiting for us. We still had one more big hill to climb, so off we headed, reaching the truck around 5pm.

Gerald Blackburn

Party: Gerald Blackburn, Jeremy Blackburn, Sue Holmes, Alice Lorenz, Jill Beaver, Chris Waldron, Ken Nugent,

### **Party B**

The rains of the previous weekend had made the road to the bluegums impassable, because of damage both at the Makahu ford and to the road beyond Pink's Hut, so the decision had been made to head for The J and find something to do there. Geoff soon had the water boiling and it required no persuasion for the B party to find cups and teabags. The A party were much more self controlled, and were soon on their way, but the envious backward looks from some of them suggested that they too will soon be seduced, and the moral fibre of the club will continue to decline.

The spurs leading towards Dominie are brown and look bare after the clearing of the contorta, but hopefully natives will push through the felled trees, and the erosion will be controlled in a more acceptable manner. As we rested at the junction of Trials and Makahu spurs, Marion's camera took the opportunity to indulge in a long shingle slide, but its leather case protected it well, and it functioned fully after the fall. By Dominie we were in patchy fresh snow, with much wind-formed ice clinging to plant and rock. As we ascended the snow became deeper and the ice sculptures ever more striking so that by the time we reached the top, each waratah had at its base a linear block of ice which had fallen from its windward side. Some such blocks on the plateau were still attached, stretching back some 20cm back from the metal. In the playground before the Cairn only a few inches of the tip of a couple of the standards were visible, so deep was the snow. West of the Cairn the slope down which we have slid on previous trips, was not steep enough to permit sliding even with a sack, so we sat on the eastern slope and ate an early lunch looking out to toward the coast, which was sometimes visible through drifting cloud. To the west and north the cloud looked thicker and there was not much enthusiasm for dropping down to Back Ridge Hut.

The decision to stay on top seemed a wise one when we were peppered with fine snow as we made for North Kaweka, following the tracks of the A party. The snow was firm and crisp making for very easy going on the flat, but care was needed as we kicked steps on the slopes close to the trig, which was festooned with great icicles. While we were there more serious snowflakes began to drift around us and this continued back to the top of the descent, finally leaving us in a burst of sunshine. As we descended the snow seemed to have become a little firmer, and on one slope Councillor Turner slipped and commenced a gentle slide towards steeper rockier country. The rest of us had time to compose the first few lines of her obituary before she self-arrested. On reflection we were glad she did, as loss of a member of the party would have been rather messy in the circumstances, to say nothing of the cost to the ratepayers of a by-election. We were, in fact, close to needing crampons and ice axes in the snow conditions.

By 3pm we were assembled around the Clibbornette drinking tea, following which half the party chatted in the truck while the rest did the Ngahere Loop, which proved to be longer than we had guessed. We put on a rather guilty burst of speed when we calculated that we might have made the truck later than the A party, but our timing was good enough to have time for more tea before their arrival.

Thanks to Geoff for driving, to Phillip for his controlled atmosphere fruit, to a tea-logged party, and to the beginnings of a civilised new club tradition. ML

Party: Marion Nicholson, Sue Lopdell, Christine Hardie, Jude Addenbrooke, Geoff Clibborn, Gary Smith, Rodger Burn, Deborah Turner, Ros and Mike Lusk

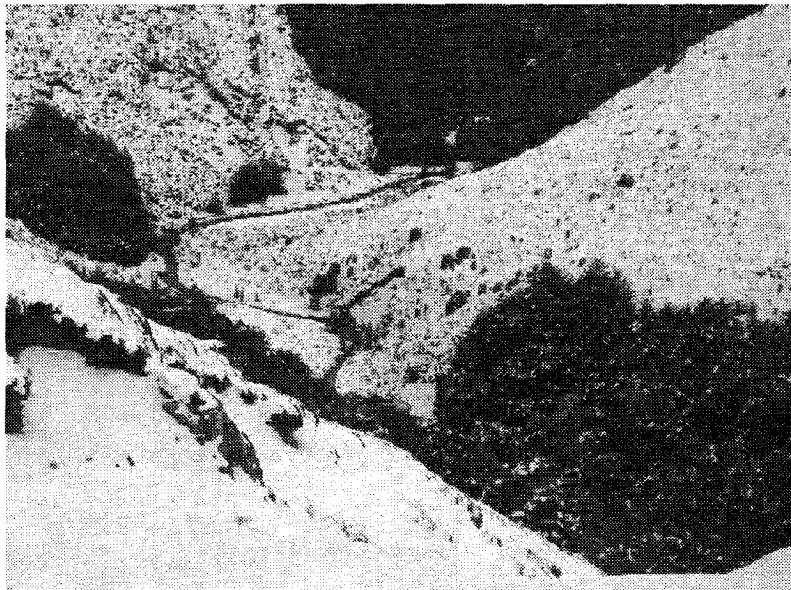


**Kaweka Range – Makahu, J, Back Ridge, Rocks Ahead, Venison tops, Whetu, Dicks spur**  
**13 & 14 September, 2003**

A Long Walk in the Snow

Originally planned as a trip into the Southern Ruahines but some very heavy rain the week before kiboshed any river trip crossing options. Settled on doing the trip planned for 4 weeks time – a long circuit in the Kaweka. Met up with Matthew, Bruce and Marcel in Taradale and left a car at Sue Holmes'. First hurdle was going to be getting there in low ground clearance cars – but luckily the road wasn't washed out.

Clouds were scudding off a misty J as we got ready at Makahu carpark at 9am. The snow was down to where the two spurs join. We sheltered in the car as we looked at the route on the map – unfortunately it hadn't shrunk in the wash. Bruce and Marcel said it was a shame there wasn't a B party. We decided to head up and in the time honoured tradition "rub our noses in it". Although the sun was out the wind was at staggering force. After wading through the snow to Dominic bivvy Tina and Marcel decided to head down to Kaweka flats and Iron Whare. The three of us pushed on with ice axes into the cloud. It was a white out higher up, only able to see 10 to 15m, the waratahs had the most amazing ice flags, about a metre sheet of ice sticking out the side, which unfortunately hid the waratahs. The snow had one of those random breakthrough crusts on the surface, so we had to keep picking ourselves up. The playground seemed different – filled in with snow. We shovelled a sandwich in and carried on to the top.



Back Ridge Hut

Headed off down Back Ridge, still finding hard and soft snow. We put crampons on as the ridge steepened, good practice as Matthew hadn't used them before. The views were stunning with snow over the ranges as far as we could see. We took turns breaking trail through the knee deep snow that was all the way down Back Ridge. It was exhausting and really slowed us down. Eventually we got to the turnoff down to Rocks Ahead. I looked across to Venison tops and realised that we weren't going to get to Tira Lodge for the night. I missed the path at the turnoff in the snow but we picked it up a bit further down, the snow

slowly petered out about half an hour before the hut. We were all pretty stuffed, it was after 5 so we decided to have a cosy night at Rocks Ahead. A good fire and a quick dinner and we crashed. It blew and rained heavily in the night – "are we going to get out" doubts crept in.

The next morning across the 3 wire bridge in some light drizzle and a big grunt up to Venison tops, the rain had melted the snow to a foot of slush but at least the cloud was lifting. Two and half hours to the Kelvinator for a second breakfast. The next stretch is through some really fantastic beach forest. We had an early lunch at the bushline, the wind had dropped and the cloud was still lifting. By the time we passed the Ballard's turnoff I was starting to feel confident of making the car, an amazing amount of snow had been washed away. Whetu was clear and we stumbled on in still windy conditions. I didn't want to climb the hill before N Kaweka, nor spend too long on the tops, so thought it looked just as quick on the map to drop down Dick's spur and head back along the bottom. The top of the spur although narrow and loose was fine. At the bottom we decided to head to the right towards the creek, when in fact we should have headed straight for Kaweka Flats bivvy. We followed

a steep slip down towards the creek, only to end up looking down a 10 metre cliff. Nothing for it but climb back up and bush bash down another side. We eventually got to the creek after an hour and a half, great short cut! We climbed up the other side and managed to reunite with the main track to get back to the car with the stars twinkling overhead – an 11 hour day – ouch!

Many thanks to Bruce and Matthew for being game companions and Marcel for driving back to Sue's to give Matthew his car keys. *AF*

Party: Andrew Fowler, Matthew Hunt, Bruce & Marcel Parsons, Tina Godbert.

<b>Taupo – Huka Falls – Aratiatia Rapids (nearly), day trip 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2003</b>
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(Planned trip to Mt Erin postponed due to lambing)

2 carloads of 5 passengers each set off from Greenmeadows at 7:30. As we travelled across the Taupo Road the weather steadily deteriorated with heavy rain slowing our progress occasionally.

I had phoned the Taupo Visitor Centre for information about the track and they recommended we leave our cars at the Bungy Jump car park in Spa Road because there had been cars broken into at the car park at the reserve where the track actually starts. This added 15 minutes to the walk but gives good views of the Bungy, the twists in the Waikato River and of Cherry Island.

Our arrival at the car park coincided with a break in the rain so we were able to get toggged up without getting wet. The track straight away drops down to the river and to a little known hot spring where a young family had just finished bathing. From there the track meanders alongside the river. On the whole the track is disappointing in that you're walking along side blackberry and scrub rather than the expected native bush. However the river is charming with all its beautiful shades of blue and green and its majestic size. Huka Lodge looks most inviting and Bobby made us envious by saying her husband had treated her to a night there to celebrate a wedding anniversary.

After the Huka Falls comes the highest climb, followed by a dense patch of cabbage trees. Two of us stopped for lunch at this point and the others went on a further hour but unfortunately didn't have enough time to reach the Aratiatia Rapids.

We made our way back to the cars noting how few birds we had seen or heard. Before heading back to the Bay one carload stopped at De Bretts for a lovely hot soak and the other had a quick Cafe visit. *RL*.

Party: Bobby Couchman, Peggy Gulliver, Shirley Bathgate, Robin Madden, Marion Nicholson, Marc and Sally Herring, Jude Addenbrooke, Sue Lopdell and Ros Lusk.

<b>Boyd's Bush – Hogget Trig</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> September, 2003</b>
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The forecast was for southerly winds and rain, ideal conditions to be out on the Ngamatea Plateau!!! We had a few start up problems getting our team moving on the truck but thanks to Dave we did not have to revert to cars. Bruce and Kerry Popplewell, from Wellington and associate members of HTC, who regularly tramp in the Kawekas, joined us. (Come out again soon folks)

It did not take long to convince us to go in and out by Timahanga Station through Boyds Bush rather than the exposed tussock plateau. Dave after a bit of a wander around the station tracks took us as far as was possible to travel by vehicle and right to the Boyds Bush Track start. We were impressed with the good condition of this old pack track which cuts through a mixed podocarp forest on its way up to the Hogget Block. Evidence of timber milling many years ago was still showing, sawn stumps and ditch like grooves formed when dragging the logs out. A very interesting area. Out on the tussock tops we were surprised to see across the Ngamatea plateau towards Ruapehu, and south to the Northern Ruahines. It was not even raining or blowing. The alpine vegetation was so diverse that we need to go again in summer to see the flowers.



We had a photo stop at the Hogget Trig before snuggling in for a lunch stop. On our return journey to meet Dave at the deer fence some of us inspected the old house

which is progressively decaying.

Thanks for a great day and to Dave for driving when he should have been home. GH

Party: Susan Lopdell, Marion Nicholson, Lew Harrison, Sue Holmes, Glenda Hooper, Bobby Couchman, Joan Ruffel, Randall Goldfinch, Susan Fraser, Lex Smith, Alice Lorenzi, Richard Morrish, Kerry Popplewell, Bruce Popplewell, Graeme Hare.

### **Kaweka Circuits and bumps**

**4 & 5 October, 2003**

Sought and received approval to lead this tramp from the War Office (home) with firstly 4 women reduced to 3. 11.00 am start Havelock North (private vehicle) and picked up the last of party at Sue Lopdell's. Geared up and after brief meal departed Makahu car park about 1.15pm and headed up Trials Spur. Weather cool but on reaching ridge below Dominie Biv it had deteriorated to cold wind and sleet and temp had dropped to about 3deg. In addition the tops had clagged in and the clouds were racing across them at considerable speed. Decision time and with worse conditions likely over the top it was decided to turn back and we returned via Don's Spur to the car park for a 'food top up!'

Next proposal was Matauria Ridge / McIntosh Hut for night where we could consider our options on Sunday i.e. up over the J or back out the same way. We encountered more sleet / rain along Matauria Ridge but pressed on and down the track to the Donald River. Half to two thirds down finally sighted the river which although clear appeared to be running a lot of water. Further decision time as with more rain forecast the river could be up higher the next morning and pose a problem on our return. Decided to turn back and headed back up to ridge. Encountered more sleet / snow (froze on top of our packs) along Matauria Ridge and finally reached the car park about 7.30pm the last 30/40 minutes in moonlight and then with torches. Packed up the vehicle which was a frozen blob and requiring the windscreen to be scrapped down before moving.

At that stage thought of Pam and if she was in residence could we stop the night. Failed to contact her on C/phone and on driving to her gate found the place in darkness.

Headed for home then, dropping off trampers enroute, to arrive there about 10.30 pm.

Despite conditions a good tramp and one to be revisited. LS

Party: Lex Smith, Lynette Blackburn, Sue Lopdell and Susan Fraser

### **Manawatu Gorge Track**

**12 October, 2003**

We arrived at Pernell for the 7.30 start and found that someone had left their car parked in front of the truck trapping it in. After waking Phillip (sorry Phillip) and dragging a whole lot of bins out of the way Peter travelled cross country through the shed to get out the next entrance. Our 7.30 start was no a 7.50 start and we were supposed to pick Rosalind up in Waipukurau at 8. We arrived at Waipukurau just as she was accepting a ride home.

We arrived at the far end of the Manawatu Gorge in drizzling rain and, as Peter drove back to the other end, we headed back along the road side to climb down the steps and cross under bridge to the small stream. It is always lovely walking up the mossy little stream that in places has masses of parataniwha covering the banks. After the creek it is a quick climb up onto the top and a lovely walk along through a type of bush that is totally different to what we are used to in the HB. Lots of nikau palms and tawa, with some podocarps and pukatea.

The drizzle was constant right through till we met Peter about half way to Balance. We stopped there to have lunch during which the constant drizzle changed to constant rain so we didn't linger long.

After lunch we followed the track Peter had just come up, with a few taking the short detour to view the mist and rain in the vain hope that they would see the wind machines. We arrived back at the Balance Road end where we found Tony Gates waiting to meet us.

After getting changed we drove further down the road to the café and had a lovely afternoon tea then back into the truck and home with just a quick stop at Norsewear cause Ros wanted to buy Mike some clothes. I hope our two newcomers, Bev and Frances, enjoyed their first trip with the Club.

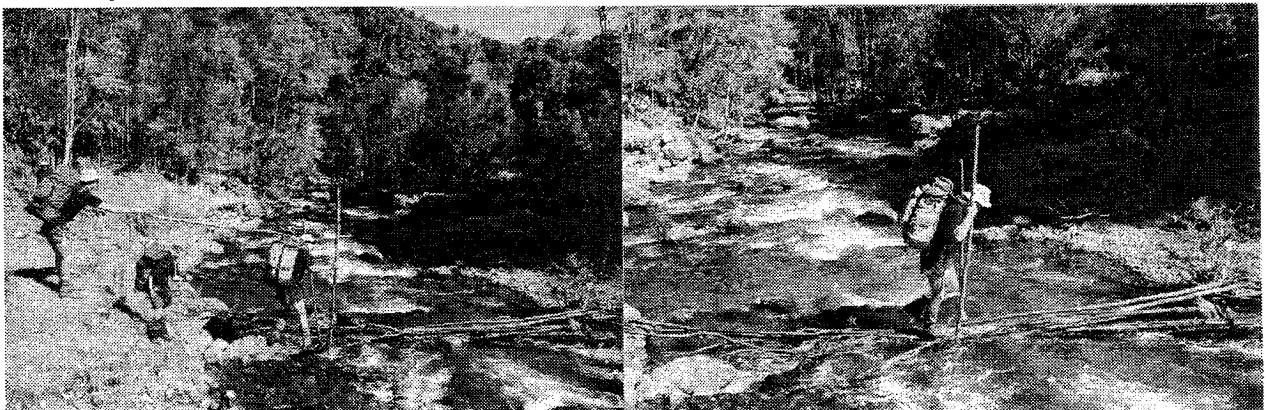
GH: Party: Natalie Berry, Glen Holmes, Peter Berry, Ros Lusk, Susan Lopdell, Sue Holmes, Rosalind Vance, Robyn Madden, Garry Smith, Rodger Burn, , Bev Basher, Frances Basher, Anne Cantrick, Peggy Gulliver, Judy McBride, Barbara Taylor, Marion Nicholson, Glenda Hooper.

### **Whakatane Valley, Labour Weekend**

**24 to 27 October, 2003**

#### **Party A**

Day one: Mataatua road end to Tawhiwhi for lunch hardly daring to stop sooner as the B party forged along relentlessly behind us. We only took a short break to build a 'keep your boots dry' bridge out of Manuka poles.



Over the hill (well feeling a bit that way with our 4 day packs) to Takurua hut a delightful spot. Avoided the temptation to stop early and made swift going down Motumuku stream to a fine camp site below the old Waikare-Whenua hut site on the Waikare river.

Day Two: Andy and Gerald fished with delicious success down the Waikare River. We took a look at one of the permanent canvas shacks along the valley, quite impressive structures, complete with toothbrush and mug at the front door. The rest of the party eventually left them to their casting and climbed out over a saddle to the Ohane stream which we followed up to Ohane hut, a fine hut soon to be moved up river to better split the journey between there and Te Pourewa hut. We met with our fisherfolk at Waikare junction hut and realized that we still had a fair haul to Hanamahihi. Rods away and up the Whakatane river, a friendly but brief chat to the B Party as we crossed paths then up down up (that's the assumed flat bit along the river) before up up and away over the hill to Hanamahihi. The sun came out as we descended towards Hanamahihi and the route was delightful drenched in green light through the Tawa leaves. Competition was on for supple jack shoots to supplement our veggies. Hanamahihi is beautifully positioned above the river and we enjoyed a good fire in the fireplace outside at one end of the hut, ideal for cooking the trout(s).



Day three:

Jeremy led us up the ridge behind the hut, an honest up to Waiari, Te Tara and Matawhero. This ridge was cool (about 5 degrees C) but also cool for the trees, huge Rata, really big ones!!, thickets of young Rimu, Kaka flew over and many other treats. We dropped into the Pukareao Valley which we had thought about following up. We found it fairly scrubby and the track was a bulldozed one with a private feel to it so we cut out down the Okarika stream back to the Whakatane river. The Okarika stream is delightful, very good going, unnecessarily track marked, lots of potential camp sites and we saw some corybas orchids in full whiskery flower. It looked to be a dead cert trout stream but not a scale was sited until Andy steaming ahead with fish fever reached the Whakatane and pulled out a good sized dinner. We spent a comfortable night sleeping off the last supper in the beautiful Ngahiramai Hut.

Day four: The last breakfast delayed the start in a very worthwhile manner with omelets and bacon, hash browns and goodness knows the full works. We cruised until Tawhiwhi visualizing the B party heading up from Takurua but got there to find we'd been Hare and Tortoised, the B party had put in a

phenomenal third day to reach Tawhiwhi and were out in the lead. Cruise control switched off and turbo on we ran them to ground, the running was literal for those of us who stopped for brief spells of casting, quick dips and to see the feathers of many many native pigeons in one of the dwellings enroute. A nice mixed group stroll out after lunch, not as far as it might have been as our esteemed leader strode ahead and brought the truck to meet us.

A fine trip in interesting new country for most of us. We found the rivers good going but the river valleys disappointingly infected with introduced weeds as a result of years of grazing and continued use of horses throughout the park. We saw pig sign just everywhere. Much better bush on the ridges. Jeremy deserves a mention for having blisters bigger than 50 cent pieces and not uttering one word of complaint, says he couldn't feel them!!

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Party: Dave Heaps, Sue Holmes, Anne Cantrick, Jeremy and Gerald Blackburn, Tina Godbert and Andrew Fowler

### **Party B:**

Stopped off for a meal at the Rangitaiki Café on the Thursday night and then turned off along Crown Road, on to Broadlands, Reparoa and Murapara. We stopped for the night beside a stream near the Okura/ SH 38 junction. After an early breakfast we turned off onto Mataotua Rd, 2 km past Ruatahuna and parked the truck at Biddles.

We wandered along the track for 40 minutes until the Park boundary then we followed the Whakatane River, descending frequently to cross large grassy clearings with mainly kanuka. (These clearings are private Maori land). At the junction where the Manangaatiuhi Stream enters the main river we lunched and during that time the side stream had become very discoloured and the water level had risen (What we didn't know was that the rain was pouring down in its headwaters). About 3 to 4 hours in we reached Tawhiwhi Hut (18 bunks) nestled in the middle of a large clearing. We continued on for another hour to Ngahiramai Hut where we found four hunters in residence! Their gear was everywhere – inside and out and we had to move it to allow 2 of our party onto the bunks and for cooking. On dusk we wandered up the track and found an amazing glow worm grotto – the best we have seen.

Saturday morning said goodbye to the slightly hung-over hunters, past 3 small sets of rapids, passing through Hanamati Flats where massive evidence of pig damage was seen. We lunched at the



Hanamahihi Hut and the resident hunters provided us with hot water and tales of what to expect once over the swing bridge – they thought we were mad!! and videoed us leaving. Yes, they were right, straight up for 300 metres straight after lunch does nothing for the bodies and minds! Sidling around above a rocky slope Lex and Garry with trusty saw (pocket knife) cleared a large windfall – much appreciated by all. There were large areas of dwarf

orchids and some green hooded orchids flowering beside the track and the native iris was in abundance.

We finally met up with the A Party about 90 minutes from our destination for the day. Another swing bridge over the Waikare River and a final uphill which at the end of a 9 hour day was a killer but stands of rewarewa filled with bird life and views down the river and across the river terraces made it worth the effort.

Waikare Junction Hut is set high above the river with great views down the Whakatane. There were two hunters in residence one of whom had just shot his first deer on almost dark and left it there to retrieve in the morning. He was up and away before 5 am no doubt concerned about the wild pigs! A member of our party had enquired whether we were concerned about the pigs being attracted to the carcass by the blood – poor guy didn't sleep at all.

Sunday morning saw us regroup at the river junction and we slowly made our way up the Waikare River passing a private bivvy on the way, river crossings slowly decreased as the wide river flats increased. We crossed over the Waikare River just past the remains of the old Waiwhenua Hut and lunched in an ideal spot, sheltered from the light rain in a ponga grove. Someone had carved two of the ponga logs and they were like sentinels. Afterwards we travelled up the Motumuka Stream to Takurua Hut where we found a message from the A Party, 7 hours from where we had begun for the day.

After some discussion it was decided to continue on to Tawhiwhi Hut to make Mondays tramp shorter. It was a slow ascent, gradient very pleasant at the end of a long day through some beautiful podocarp forest with a sharp descent to the Mangatawhero Stream. Then wandered through a patch of tawa and a gentle downward slope to the hut (10 hour day). Everyone washed, showered and relaxed in front of a roaring fire, eventually all had retired by 11 pm.

There was a good frost the next morning and a few early birds 5:45 am wandered around the clearing, disturbing stock to take some dawn photos. We set off at 9 am and halfway along our return trip the A Party caught up with us and we all lunched together at the Park boundary.

New area, beautiful bush and lots of bird life and orchids. There is talk of another trip to this area walking the Whakatane River right through to Ruatoki road end. Many thanks to the drivers David Heaps and Geoff Clibborn

Team: Lex & Anne Smith, Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Susan Fraser, Geoff Clibborn & Susan Lopdell.

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<b>Cairn Trip</b>	<b>9 November, 2003</b>
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John drove 16 of us up to Makahu, arriving there just before 8 o'clock. The weather was fine at Makahu but the tops were in low cloud. We went up Trial Spur in ideal conditions, not too hot and almost no wind. Just above Dominie the last quartet saw a falcon fly up and land on one of the crags, while the alpine flowers were starting to become apparent on the top. The last of the truck group got to the cairn about 20 to 11. Our numbers were swelled by a group of 6 who had spent the night at Back Ridge hut and Julie Mercer & Kathy Eggers who had spent the night at the Turner Farm and had walked up earlier.

After the Cairn Service we split up with one group heading north to North Kaweka then going down a spur north of Pinnacle Spur. Julie, Kathy and half the overnights went down by the main route while the rest went down Dons Spur. We (the Dons Spur group) had lunch in a little clearing amongst



Contorta trees during which time Mr Lyn took lots of “character” photos with his two day old expensive digital camera.

Things had gone along relatively uneventfully until 20 minutes after lunch, and a lot of scrambling through contorta, when tail end Charlie I joined up with the group standing around a rather strained looking Mr Lyn. He had found his pack top zip open and his brand new camera missing. Oh dear... Graeme was all for retracing our steps to look for the missing camera but we thought that perhaps there should be a “woman’s look” through the pack before this search – so Jeremy obliged and looked through the pockets and the pack but no camera. At this stage Mr Lyn phones home to leave a message re missing camera on the answer phone (so Mrs Lyn won’t be quite so angry when he got home). Off they went back up where we had come looking for the elusive camera. Most returned fairly promptly but Graeme manfully carried on upwards to the lunch spot before he came down again. While we were waiting, and Mr Lyn was ringing his insurance company to report the loss, I decided that perhaps I should check out his pack – yes no camera in the top pocket, no camera in the main cavity, but what was this hard lump in the back pocket? And what did this string belong to - MR LYN’S CAMERA CASE WITH CAMERA INSIDE. Poor Mr Lyn he didn’t know whether to be pleased it was found or annoyed because he was found to be just a little bit silly and Graeme was still up there looking for it.

Moral of the story – A ‘woman’s look’ must be done by a woman.

The rest of the trip down was pleasant, particularly the final bit as you come out of the contorta and into the native before crossing the Don Stream and climbing back up and along to the car park. We got to the truck just before 3 while the other party took another hour. On the way back we took the short detour up to the Turner house where Pam had made us some scones and boiled the billy for a cuppa – lovely thanks Pam.

We had 3 newcomers on the trip; Milton, Ray and Sandy - we hope you enjoyed your day. Thanks John for driving. *Glenda*

Truck Party: Mr Lyn Gentry, John Berry, Randall Goldfinch, Susan Lopdell, Ray Manning, Lyn Blackburn, , Susan Fraser, Jenny Lean, Peter Berry, Graeme Hare, Sue Holmes, Milton Naylor, Peter Brown, Marion Nicholson, Sandy Harding , Glenda Hooper

Back Ridge Party: Gerald Blackburn, Jeremy Blackburn, Duncan Salter, Gail Harvey, Alan McGregor , Tony Gates.

Also Featuring: Kathy Eggers & Julie Turner.



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HOWLETT'S-OTUMORE-MOORCOCK

August 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, 1953

Nine of us left Hastings at 5.45 a.m. in darkness and bumped along a very rough road Waipawa. The day dawned cloudy and the mountains were obscured, but by the time we reached Mill Farm (8.45 a.m.) the sun was shining and prospects were good. There was snow on the tops which we later found wasn't very deep.

We farewelled Ian and the truck, headed down the Moorcock, joined the Tukituki and turned downstream. We crossed the river 38 times in 3 ½ hours and arrived at the foot of Daphne Spur, renowned for its toughness. But we ourselves are toughies now, and we plodded up slowly with only one long rest. The swirling mist now upon us was not comforting and it soon gave way to sago snow on the edge of the bush line. Up and onwards we pressed regardless, out of the beech covered with a carpet of snow into the snowgrass, leatherwood, burned bush and sloshy wet snow. As we neared the top of the main divide the sun peeped through and then Howlett's at 3.30 p.m.

It was bitterly cold and a large billy of soup was very welcome. The wood was a little damp and all the water in the cans frozen hard, but we managed with an axe and a billy lid. Everyone must have been rather tired for 8 p.m. was bedtime. We were due to rise at 6.30 a.m. Helen and I had our hotties for which we were very thankful in spite of the extra weight. Everyone slept comfortably and kept warm in spite of the fact wet socks froze hard and stiff, while boots coated with a layer of ice particles needed scraping before putting on again. All of us were inside the hut. There must have been a little ventilation somewhere.

At about 7 a.m. there was a good view of the plains, as far as Mahia Peninsular and well down the coast. With cold wet socks and knocking knees we left the hut at 9 a.m. and set out along the main divide south for Otumore (4966'). The going was fairly easy through snowgrass and leatherwood plus a few Spaniards. The Oroua Saddle, easily missed in mist, drops down a long way and at a very sharp angle. Then a long pull up brought us to the Trig at 12.20 p.m. We pressed on to the dog kennel where we had lunch. The wind was bitterly cold. There was not much snow on the main divide, but plenty on Titaha and Ohuinga.

We took the main tree planting ridge back to Moorcock, re-planting several pines. The view was wonderful. A quick pace was hell down the ridge, everyone complaining of heat for the first time and shredding jerseys. Ian was waiting at Mill Farm and the truck ran home very well. It was a good trip and we didn't need an ice axe after all.

No. in party: 9.

Leader, Pat Bolt

Helen Hill, Edna Ansell, Brian Jobbins, Ken & Ray Thomas, Alan Berry, Jim Gibbs, Norm Elder.

In Memory of Patricia Bolt died July 2003



Pat on Kapiti Island with a little blue penguin.

Pat has been a member of the Heretaunga Tramping Club since 1949. A browse through her photo album revealed Pat as a fit and enthusiastic trumper. She loved the outdoors and was never happier than when she was off into the hills. She was also an active member of the executive and social committee. She knew all the names of the tree shrubs and flowers and was a great conservationist and worked hard to protect the bush. She never lost her interest in the Club and was always pleased to hear the news from members she still knew. She was a trained Karitane nurse and she and her sister Topsy went overseas on a working holiday. She loved gardening and had a beautiful garden. She was very good at kneedle work and her tatting and other sewing was exquisite. She also did pen painting. Altogether a very talented person.

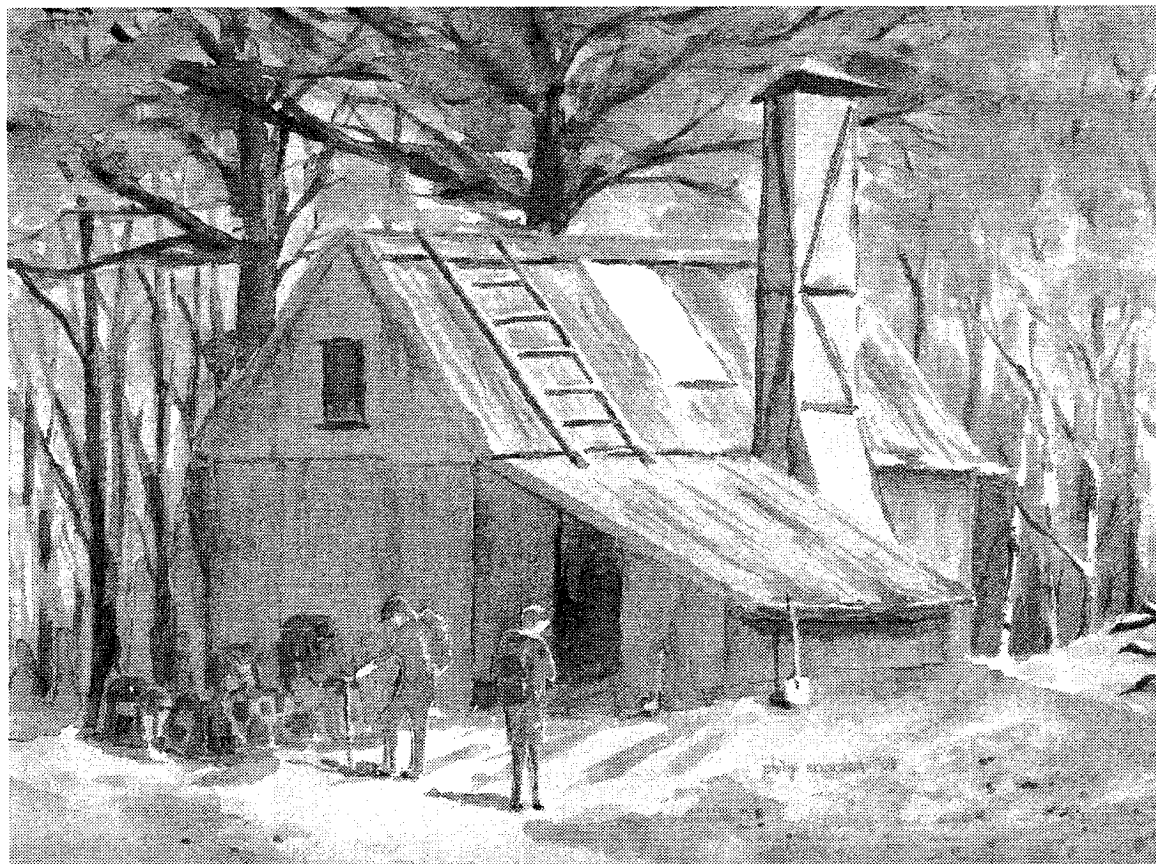
Our sympathy goes out to Pat's extended family and her sister Topsy.

Barbara Taylor.

### **Kaweka Hut**

Unfortunately the club's oldest hut has been accidentally burnt to the ground. Two hunters were staying overnight and went to sleep with the fire blazing, they woke to find the wall above the fire alight and escaped with their gear but without their dog who perished in the blaze.

Gathered here is some hut memorabilia.



*Painting by Philip Mardon of Kaweka Hut, from the John Berry Private Collection.*

#### **From HTC Annual Report, 1937.**

Kaweka Hut has now been finally completed and presents a very workmanlike appearance. It has been well used by members and has been a great asset in opening up the Kaweka Ranges. The total amount expended by the club on the erection was 25 pounds/10 shillings/4p.

#### **Original hut specification:**

Name of Hut: Kaweka Hut (or Cook's Horn Hut. The former name may lead to confusion).

Altitude: 3100 ft. approx.

Situation: Cook's Horn Basin, 2 hrs north of inland Patia Road along track past "The Lakes", Kuripapango.

Location of Nearest Huts: Iron Whare in Northern Kawekas about 12 hrs north  
Manson Hut across Ngaruroro about 8 hrs west.

Date Erected: Spring 1936.

By Whom: Heretaunga Tramping Club

Controlling Authority: HTC, Hon Sec Mr Lloyd Wilson, Queen St. Hastings.

Description of Hut: Size – 17 ft by 13 ft; Rooms – one; No. bunks – 12, 4ft wide; Type – Sacking

Construction: Netting and malthoid on Nothofagus cliffortioides framing.

Equipment: Blankets etc – Nil

Cooking Utensils – 1 Camp oven, 2 Billies.

Cooking facilities – open fire.

First Aid – nil (at present).

Emergency stores – Rice, sugar and various.

Firewood – Available dead timber near site.

Use: Limited to club members by terms of permission to build on Crown Land.

Charges: Nil.

Enquiries & Key: see Controlling Authority.

Camp Sites Adjacent: Yes.

Pack Horses: Nil.

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### Huts

Or if chill blust'ring winds, or driving rain,  
Prevent my willing feet, be mine the hut,  
That from the mountain's side,  
Views wilds, and swelling floods.

In 1935 only shooters, trampers and the odd prospector were interested in the high country. Surveyors had come and gone, musterers had come and gone, while geologists, foresters and rivers boards kept to levels where fossils, board-feet and stop banks were plentiful.

Many of the old musterers' and rabbiters' huts had rotted away or gone up in smoke. There were fragments of malthoid or levelled sites at Studholme's Saddle, the MacIntosh, Castle Camp, Kiwi Saddle, Hut Ruin, Buttercup Hollow and Howletts. Still standing were huts many of which have been immortalised by Lester Masters, the Iron Whare on the Kawekas, the Black Whare on the Blowhard, and in the Ruahines, Shutes, the Ruahine, No Mans, Te Koau Huts, Shut Eye Shack, the Stags Head and Pohangina.

The Kawekas were the worst off for huts so the club's first concern was for a hut that could be reached from Kuripapango in the Saturday half-day. Ian Powell took a reconnaissance party in as far as Studholme's Saddle, decided this was too far and on the way back plunged off the ridge into a basin full of pig with 5 stags roaring their heads off. Here we built the Kaweka Hut. An overgenerous draughtsman specified 10ft studs, hence the huge barn of a place that we know, popular with large parties, cursed by small parties and always a bit of a dead end. Charlie Higgs and Dave Williams built it in 10 strenuous days, erecting the rafters and Dave's 24ft adzed totara ridge pole in a snowstorm. The profits of an Easter trip were appropriated by Freddie Green for the purchase of iron to cover the original malthoid roof – the gap between the abode of generations of rats.

So goodbye to carrying parties – future parties will never realise what they've missed. Search parties to find rumoured huts was fun while lasted, but we'll soon have the lot pinpointed.

*(Part reprinted from Norman Elder's article in Pohokura – April 1961).*

### **From the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Pohokura, 1985, Kaweka Hut:**

It is said that Stan Craven complained of a "pane" in his back while carrying in the window and it must have been a fair effort for Les Holt to carry in the big circular saw blade for the fireplace. Over the years a floor was added and the malthoid got a bit tatty. The hut was re-roofed in 1975 and the old roof was used on the walls. In addition a new fireplace was made and the chimney and the woodbox replaced. As he had done with other huts, Randall Goldfinch made the door higher so he would not bang his head on it.

Nowadays Kaweka Hut is too close to the road for the HTC to get much use out of it but we still visit it as we pass through the area and it will always be remembered for the good times had there.

Its main use these days is with school parties and youth groups and it is still a good base for snowcraft weekends.

As a final point I must make passing reference to the RATS. For those who remember with fondness those cute and endearing creatures who lived between the malthoid and the roofing iron, fear not! Despite misguided and concerted efforts at eradication, their equally charming and indefatigable little long tailed furry descendants are still in residence, adding an element of taste and culture to the hut, now as in days of yore.

### **The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tramp to Kaweka Hut, 1985**

“Crikey! Fifty people, eh?”

“Reckon they’ll all get in?”

“Dunno. They look game enough... Funny, though, to think some of them finished their active tramping before I tried on my first pair of boots.”

“Right. Y’Know, there’s a certain pleasure and pride in being part of such a group. Wonder if I’ll be tramping in here at their age...”

“Not a chance. You’re getting crusty already. C’mon, get them started!”

“Me!”

“Well, aren’t you in charge? No one else is doing it and I’m not!”

“Nor will I,” said the pig.

“Nor will I,” said the duck.

“Nor will I,” said the cat.

“Then I will do it myself,” said the little red hen, and so it was.

“... Forty nine, plus Randall gives us fifty.”

Away from the carpark at 11.40. The long centipedal , multi headed creature slipped its way, amidst much talk and blowing of steam down the track to the Tutaekuri. ‘Tis many years since some have passed this way and such were the vegetation changes that they did not pinpoint their whereabouts until the familiar crossing was made. It was interesting to note the increased vigour and heartiness of many of our companions as they privately savoured old memories and stepped out to whispered melodies of old. What joy it is that our hills bring us.

We regrouped a couple of times just to check numbers but soon Kaweka Hut was before us. All who left the carpark completed the journey in fine fettle. True the centipede became somewhat segmented but the “young ones” always did “rush” ahead. Randall had billies of hot water on and the hut was warm and comfortable. People and packs hung and sprawled in all directions, and if one listened attentively, all sorts of titbits could be gleaned:

“I was last here in 1935...”

“... and look, mattresses no less!”

“Better than the dirt floor I suppose...”

“My goodness, it’s the same beech pole construction we put up!”

“Soft, these days aren’t they?”

“Remember when the wind blew the malthoid...”

“For They Are Jolly Good Fellows” was sung to express our pleasure at everyone’s being there.

*(Part reprinted from Russell Perry’s trip report).*

### **Kaweka Hut Cleanup 21/09/03**

The Sunday following the destruction by fire of the Club’s oldest hut a large group went in to survey the remains and to package them into helicopter-sized loads. DOC staff had been in the morning after the fire to extinguish hot spots and we are grateful to them for providing us with photos before their partial demolition. So we arrived to the sight of only the chimney and the lower parts of the walls standing and with corrugated iron scattered about. Of flammable materials only the odd scrap of

Malthoid and some buried beech pole fragments remained. Fortunately the fire had been directed upwards and there was very little damage to the surrounding trees.

We didn't spend too much time in mourning, and very soon corrugated iron was being de-nailed, chicken wire folded, and concrete buried. Small lumps of aluminium had once been billies. Orderly heaps of the debris were stacked on the helipad and soon only the chimney remained. Impressively, the nuts securing this to the fireplace responded to Randall's wrench, and now only the fireplace remains. As we worked we thought about the huge effort of our predecessors in 1936 as they carried materials in from the Taihape road. The loss of Kaweka Hut must have been particularly sad for Peter Lattey who designed the original, and for those still in the Club who had been involved in the various upgrades.

After a relaxed lunch we dispersed in various directions, some returning to the truck via Mackintosh Hut with its new balcony. By the time the stragglers arrived it was raining hard, but we had a small drama searching for two of Tony's party who had nearly completed the walk to the Taihape Road via Castle Rock Rd when we found them.

Thanks to Geoff for driving and to all those who came along to help get an unpleasant job done quickly and efficiently. ML

Party: Geoff Clibborn, Geoff Robinson, Liz Pindar, Randall Goldfinch, Sue Lopdell, Bruce Parsons, Dave Heaps, Ken Nugent, Lynette, Matthew, Jeremy and Christine Blackburn, Lew Harrison, Lex Smith, Murray Tonks, Robyn Heath, Peter and Natalie Berry, Peggy Gulliver, Chris Waldron, Mike Lusk, Tony Gates and 4 members of the Manawatu Tramping Club.

### **Tribute to Kaweka Hut by Kim Bathgate, HTC 1940 to 1960.**

Kaweka Hut has gone, but not the many happy memories of generations of trampers who passed that way and spent a night or two within its malthoid walls.

Who left the gramophone and records? What a marvellous gift. Whenever my father (Dr Bathgate) took us to the hut, playing the old 78's was mandatory. "Chloe" and "Only a Rose" during the day, and "Harbour Lights" in the evening, as we watched the faint glow of light from Hastings and Napier. When leaving, one of the records was played once more so that as we walked down the track, the voices of Nelson Eddy & Jeanette McDonald & others gradually faded, with every step.

Another wonderful asset was the large circular saw blade, set in the back of the fireplace. This ensured, that on frosty evenings, warmth from the fire was reflected into the hut rather than up the chimney. We shall always thank Les Holt for that innovation.

My first visit to the hut was in 1940, as a nine year old. It will always remain in my affection as a part of what was a formative mountain experience.

Thanks must go to those HTC members who lugged the materials in and who built it, and to those who loved and maintained it over the years.

### **3 BOOK REVIEWS- and a donation to the HTC library. By Tony Gates.**

Popular Christchurch trumper and writer/ photographer Pat Barrett, whose work most of you will have seen in NZ Wilderness magazine, has recently had published two nice books. The first reviewed below is a guide book to take with you on the (usually short) tramp described, the second is a nice coffee table book of longer expeditions. Both have lovely photographs, and should be extremely useful if you are tramping around the South Island. The second book reviewed here, the coffee table version, has been donated to the Heretaunga Tramping Club. A glossy flier of this latest book has probably already arrived in the PO box.

**Canterbury Foothills & Forests. A Walking and Tramping Guide.** By Pat Barrett (2002). Shoal Bay Press Ltd, Christchurch. \$36.00, 158 pages, soft cover.

Of the numerous guide books for tramping areas in New Zealand, this is one of the latest. There are many guide books to National Parks, some for Forest Parks, (although they are pretty lean these days), and a few historic ones that are long out of date. This is more a logical collection

After the usual introductory details and advice, there are six general regions described in this book. Each region, such as Arthurs Pass National Park, has approximately one dozen described trips, each covered in one or two pages. That includes a photo and topographic map for each trip. The maps were pretty self explanatory, but not all were of the same scale, so rather confusing in places. All maps did however have clear routes marked, and important locations. The trips range from wheelchair accessible half hour forest experiences to sturdy weekend tramps, and are all well described. All have been thoroughly research, then tramped, by the author.

I've done two or three of these trips described, and gazed from the road at a few of the locations mentioned. There are far more trips available than I realised, e. It is an area at least the size of the Ruahines and Kawekas combined, and

**True South. Tramping experiences of the South Island hinterland.** By Pat Barrett (2003). Reed Publishing. About \$45.00, 167 pages, soft cover.

This book has stories of 22 multi day trips into the South Island hinterland, each liberally provided with fine photographs and important facts and land owner contact details. No Great Walks are discussed, I guess deliberately, and trips presented are located all over the South Island, and not all on DOC land. There is a chapter about huts, one on planning, and the usual advice and recommended reading. If you are visiting the areas written about in "True South", you will learn a lot about the place by reading the book, but probably not as much as from specific area guide books. It is not designed to provide fully comprehensive information such as found in the Moirs Guide books (although most is very good), and it doesn't provide maps. The writing is, at times, rather poetic, which I guess reflects the market audience for places like Christchurch International Airport.

This book has a foreword by Colin Monteath. It is very attractive, with photographs, writing, and layout to match. It is similar in many ways to Shaun Barnett and Rob Brown's "Classic Tramping", covering many different areas. It should inspire HTC members to look closely at these areas down south, many of which are seldom visited. You will enjoy the stories and photographs.

**Under a Sheltering Sky. Journeys to mountain heartlands.** By Colin Monteath (2003). Hedgehog House. [www.hedgehoghouse.com](http://www.hedgehoghouse.com) hard cover, 230 pages, about \$70.00.

This is a large and extremely glossy presentation by one of New Zealand's (indeed, the world's) premier mountain photographers. At \$70.00, it is an absolute bargain, full of wonderful photographs and stories. (you may recognise some of the images in "Sheltering Sky"). It is a stunning piece of work destined to grace the best libraries and coffee tables of

the world. Like Pat Barrett's "True South", this book is merely a collection of trips- but what amazing trips! What an amazing graduation from a regular tramp in the Ruahines, to Tibet, Mongolia, and Patagonia mountaineering. Also covered are; Greenland by dog sleigh, following Shkelton's journey, trekking in Bhutan, wilderness skiing in New Zealand, and historical and cultural expeditions to other mountains of Asia. Writing is honest and refreshing. Names, dates, and people are all mentioned. Photographs are awesome, and probably of great geographic value, as they might be the first ones ever published of areas such as eastern Tibet and Bhutan.

Hardly a routine edition of Pohokura.

The author is well known for his fine NZ Alpine and Antarctic Calendars, other books, and mountain photography and writing in general. He is a life member of the NZAC, and cannot fail to impress readers with his adventurous life and lifestyle. And he gives it all to you in this book.





**FOR SALE**  
**BLANK GREETING CARDS, By Leatherwood Lenz.**

Leatherwood Lenz has produced a number of blank cards, each with a quality colour digital image of a tramping scene. (Well, there is one black and white). These are designed for Christmas, birthday, and general use, to show people the enjoyment and scenery of tramping. A variety of tramping themes and areas throughout the Ruahines and Tararuas are presented. New cards can be customized to your request.

Cards are \$2.50 each, or \$20.00 for ten.

For details, contact [leatherwood@pcconnect.co.nz](mailto:leatherwood@pcconnect.co.nz)  
Tony Gates, 025 246 1901, 06 357 7439 (H).

## CLUB NEWS:

- ❖ Welcome to new members - Marcelle Parsons, Bruce Parsons, Jude Addenbrooke, Alice Lorenzi and Bruce Popplewell.
- ❖ This years Photo Competition.

**Category Winners:**

- Wildlife – Tina Godbert
- Club Character - Tina Godbert
- Panorama – Gerald Blackburn
- Slide – Tony Gates

**Overall Winner - Gerald Blackburn**



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who entered photos to make the evening a success.- Jim Glass.

### ❖ **EPIRB - EMERGENCY POSITION INDICATING RADIO BEACONS**

The club has 3 EPIRB beacons provided through the generosity of the Heretaunga National Community and Sports Trust. They are small beacons weighing 175 grams that when activated will send a distress signal that is picked up by orbiting satellites and overhead aircraft. These do not provide two way communication so cell phone contact if available is preferable in an emergency

The beacons will be kept in the passenger area of the truck (near the Pohokura rack). They are currently in the glove box.

It is expected the beacons be carried on club trips

An instruction & information booklet is inside the carry sac.

Please return the units to the rack at the end of the trip.

It is OK for club members to use them on private trips, provided they are not required on a club trip. Please liaise with the Secretary. Should the EPIRB require servicing on account of incorrect use the club reserves the right to claim costs from the private trip user.

If activated in an emergency please advise the secretary so that the unit can be returned for servicing. The units will be checked at the same time as the truck gets its six monthly COF.

Lets hope that the beacons as a safety device are never used, but should it be necessary to activate one, it could save lives.

### ❖ **IMPORTANT SUBMISSIONS**

DOC Towards a Better Network of Facilities – closing date 31 January 2004, send to Hawkes Bay Area Office, Conservation House, PO Box 644, Napier or go to [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz) and make a submission online.

MAF Walking Access in the New Zealand Outdoors – closing date 30 November 2003, send to Land Access Report, MAF, PO Box 2526, Wellington or email [land.access@maf.govt.nz](mailto:land.access@maf.govt.nz).

- ❖ Trampler of the year was awarded to Tina Godbert and Andy Fowler  
The Leatherwood Wood trophy went to Andy Fowler. (Thanks alot).

### Coming Meetings:

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER/COMMENTS	Hosts	Supper Help
14 Jan	Social	A few slides/prints of coming trips then relax and catch up after the break	Anne Cantrick Chris Brown	Andy Fowler Glenda Hooper
28 Jan	Chatham Islands	Geoff Clibborn will talk about his sojourn on the Chathams.	Christine Snook Alan Petersen	Lynette Blackburn Lyn Gentry
11 Feb	Golden Oldies Night of Nostalgia	Bring along an "historic member" for a BBQ dinner, meeting and some slides that Tony Gates has been collecting - showing the Club the way it was.	Shirley Bathgate Garry Smith	Judy McBride Jude Addenbrooke Ken Nugent
25 Feb	FMC Travel	A presentation by John Dobbs who organises the FMC Travel program	Gerald Blackburn Gloria Abraham	John Winter Ken Nugent
10 Mar	The Aftermath	The Kaweka Challenge is over for another year so there will be the usual debrief then an extended supper.	Graham Thorp Greg Munn	Jim Hewes Bruce Parsons
24 Mar	AUCTION	The monies collected tonight are donated to the Rescue Helicopter Service. So please dig deeply. Unsold items are to be taken home by those who brought them.	Lyn Gentry Joan Ruffell	Gerald Blackburn Gloria Abraham
7 Apr	Fixtures Ideas.	We need ideas for Winter & Spring Trips. Bring along you pikkies and promote the trip that you want.	John Berry John Montgomery	Gerald Blackburn
21 Apr	Bertie	Tonight's entertainment will be provided by Bertie of Art Deco fame	John Winter Eddie Holmes	Garry Smith Geoff Clibborn
5 May	Something Fishy	The Manager of the Seahorse Farm at Awatoto will talk to us about seahorses and other marine creatures.	Judy McBride Ken Nugent	Christine Snook Bobby Couchman

### Duties of those on Supper and Host:

**HOSTS:** Greet visitors and fill in visitors book. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting.

**SUPPER:** Put zip on, cups etc out, wash dishes and leave kitchen clean and tidy at end of evening and generally help Jenny.



### ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP ?

Even the easiest of club trips require a reasonable degree of fitness, and from time to time tramps have been seriously delayed by unfit party members. While individuals may have varying degrees of basic fitness it is unlikely that a person who has a sedentary job, or who plays no sport, will manage an average B Party trip. The best preparation for tramping is tramping and there are hilly places in Napier and close to Hastings which make excellent training areas. For example, a walk from the cattle stop car park in Te Mata Park to the top of the peak, via the big redwoods, and back to the cattlestop via the road-side track with an 8 kg pack should take about 70- 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for 5 to 6 hours.

### TRIP GRADINGS

EASY: 4-6 hours tramping - suitable for beginners.

MEDIUM: 6-8 hours tramping - suitable for those with some experience.

HARD: 7 hrs+ tramping - experience & a high level of fitness necessary.

**Unless otherwise specified:** an "A" trip would have a "HARD" grading and a "B" trip a "MEDIUM" grading.

### GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS

<b><u>Wear/Carry</u></b>	<b><u>DAY TRIPS</u></b>	<b><u>WEEKEND TRIPS</u></b>
	<b><u>Carry</u></b>	<b>All items listed for day trip plus</b>
Pack & pack liner	Map & Compass	Sleeping bag
Boots & gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least 1 litre water	Food for 3 additional meals
Parka & over trousers	Lunch	Cooker & Billy & matches
Fast drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or wool Jumper	Torch, spare batteries & bulb	Toilet gear, small towel & toilet paper
Longjohns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, knife, fork , spoons etc
Gloves/mittens & overmitts	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches etc, pencil, paper)	Tent/Fly if required
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

**Leave at truck/car:** Complete set of clothing for the return trip and a mug with something to flavour hot water from the Clibbornette.

# TRIP LIST December – May 2004

Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons. For pre trip enquiries contact the leader or Dave Heaps 875 0088



**7 December 2003 Ruahine Crossing..... \$15 Map: T23**  
 From Western side of Ruahines, Walk into Opawe Hut, Ascending to Maharahara and Matonginui trigs and descend to Kumeti Hut and carpark  
 Organiser: Ros Lusk 8778328 Driver: Geoff Clibborn 8446039

**20-21<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Social Weekend**  
 Option 1- Waimarama Beach or  
 Option 2- Waipatiki Beach  
 Opportunity for people to come out for the day or stay overnight, walk, swim, BBQ and socialise.  
 Organiser: Driver:

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004 Anaru Falls. \$10 Map W19**  
 Drive into Willow Flat Rd and walk along Anaru Stream to view Falls and Magnificent stand of Kaihikateas. If river is low, pleasant amble back up stream to falls.  
 Organiser: Driver:

**11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004 Ohara Stream. \$10 Map U21**  
 Drive to Mangleton Rd area and wander up Ohara Stream to a very picturesque Gorge- ideal family trip and good fishing.  
 Organiser: Mike Lusk 8778328 Driver:

**17&18 Jan 2004 Rangaiika Beach \$10 Map W21/22**  
 Walk along Ocean Beach and around Whakapau Bluff to Rangaiika Beach to camp. Sunday wander along coast and climb up to gannet colony at the Cape and return to Clifton Beach  
 Organiser & Driver: John Berry 877 6205  
**Local Day Trip 18 Jan:** Come out and walk out to the cape to meet the weekenders.  
 Organiser:

**25 Jan 2004 Ruahines \$10 Maps U22**  
**A:** Into Middle Stream, up to Rangi, 3 Johns to Waipawa Saddle and return via Waipawa River.  
**B:** Into Waikamaka Hut (one of our Club Huts), maybe to do some painting and return via Waipawa River.  
**C:** Triplex, Waipawa Forks, Sunrise Track to Saddle, Swamp Track, plenty of scope.  
 Organisers: A: Sue Holmes 8446032 B: Robyn Madden 8449661 C:  
 Driver:

**1 Feb Rangiteiki Frost Flats & Okoeke Stream \$10 Map U19/V19**  
**A:** Headwaters of Okoeke Stream in Rangiteiki Conservation area, travelling down stream to where it crosses the Napier Taupo Road. (Magnificent waterfall to descend.)  
**B:** Explore the Rangiteiki Frost Flats and travel back to the Okoeke Stream bridge. Return tramp up Okoeke Stream to waterfall.  
 Organisers: A: Peter Berry 8774183 B: Glenda Hooper 8774183  
 Driver:

**6-8<sup>th</sup> Feb (Waitangi Weekend) Kaimanawa \$20 Maps T19/T20**

**A:** Into Waipakihi Hut via Umukarikari Range. Saturday up onto the tops along to Thunderbolt, down to well used campsite near Urchin track. Sunday follow Waipakihi River to road end.

**B:** Walk into Waipakihi Hut with A Party. Saturday continue down stream to camp with A party Saturday Night. Sunday follow same route as A Party.

**C:** Truck Party can view Pillars of Hercules, Tree Trunk Gorge and explore at both drop off points.

Organisers: A: Gerald Blackburn 8772340 B: Susan Lopdell 8446697 C:

Driver:

**15 Feb Kawekas \$10 Map U20**

**A&B:** Drive up to the Lakes Rd/Taihape Rd junction and wander in to find the waterfalls/cascades on Waikarekare Stream. Also fun water activities on the Ngaruroro River – rubber tubes, kayaks etc.

Organisers: A/B: Susan Lopdell 8446697

Driver:

**28/29 Feb Kaweka Challenge Map U20**

Club Annual Fundraiser. Club personnel needed Friday night till Sunday Afternoon. Please give your name Robyn or Susan.

**14 March Gorge Stream Area \$10 Map V20 & U20**

**A:** Te Kowhai, Don Juan, Gorge Stream back to car park.

**B:** From Te Kowhai travel through the pines and take side track to Taipai. Make your way down to Gorge Stream and follow it back to the car park – be prepared to get wet!!!

**C:** Cross Stream and ascend track up towards Don Juan and return.

Organisers: A: Peter Berry 8774183 B: Mike Lusk 8778328 C:

Driver: P Berry

**27/28 March Ruahines \$10 Maps U23 & T23**

**A:** From Tamaki West car park ascend Holmes Ridge to Stanfield Hut, then over saddle to Cattle Creek Hut, continuing on to Mid Pohangina Hut for the night. Sunday return to Cattle Creek Hut and head north east to Apiti Track and Ngamoko Road end.

**B:** Leave from Ngamoko Road end, follow Apiti Track to Cattle Creek Hut. Sunday across Saddle to Stanfield Hut, up to Takapari and follow main range to A Frame Hut. Descend to car park from here.

**C:** From Tamaki East Road End go to Cattle Creek Hut/Stanfield/A Frame Hut for night and do easy circuit.

Organisers: A: B: C:

Driver:

**Local Day Trip:** Mt Erin to Te Mata Peak. A very popular trip. Organiser:

**9-12 April (Easter Trip) Tongariro National Park \$25 Maps S20, T20**

**A:** Round the Mountain trip, starting from Ohakune Mt Road in a clockwise direction.

**B:** From Whakapapa village to Waihohonu, Rangipo, Mangaehuehu Huts. Monday out to road end, stopping off at Blyth Hut for lunch.

**C:** Truck Party – Mangatepopo, Whatapapaiti Valley tracks, Tama lakes etc.

Organisers: A: Andy Fowler 8350064 B: Lex Smith 8774087 C:

Driver:

**Local Day Trip:** Lawrence to Lotkow. Organiser:

**28<sup>th</sup> April Ruahines \$10 Map U22**

**A:** Up Makaroro River to William Colenso Memorial, ascend Colenso Spur, along tops to Sparrowhawk bivy, down ridge track and return via Makaroro River.

**B:** From Yeomans Mill car park, climb up the Park's Peak track, dropping off to cross to Barlows Hut. Follow Makaroro River back to truck.

**C:** Follow Yeomans Track to Ellis Hut and return.

Organisers: A: John Montgomerie 8777358      B: Rodger Burn 8776322      C:

Driver:

**8/9 May**

**Kawekas \$10 Map U20**

**A:** Walk into Kiwi Saddle Friday night. Saturday down to Kiwi Mouth, up Back Ridge, Sterns Saddle to Back Ridge Hut for night. Sunday onto main Kaweka Range and out via Mad Dog Hill, Kaiarahi and Rogue Ridge. (Fit Party).

**B:** Saturday, walk into Kiwi Saddle Hut for the night and on Sunday return via Castle Camp, Rogue Ridge to car park.

**C:** MacIntosh – Kaweka loop, spending night at MacIntosh Hut and coming out via 3 wire bridge.

Organisers: A: Tina Godbert 8350064      B: Lynette Blackburn 8772340 C:

Driver:

Local Day Trip: Kuripapango Hill and return. Organiser:

**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 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 might 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 that the leader leaves in town. For all inquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:

**Dave Heaps 875 0088**

**Jim Glass 877 8748**

**Glenda Hooper 877 4183**

**Cancellations:** If you can not make a trip please contact the leader BEFOREHAND so as to avoid unnecessary delays for the rest of the party.





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