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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 7:30pm; visitors are most welcome. 50c donation gratefully accepted each meeting towards hall hire (*place in the old boot*).

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President's Report

As users of the New Zealand back country we at HTC have a strongly vested interest in its management. The comparatively unimpeded access we have to large areas of uninhabited land does not happen in many parts of the world and is something that tramping clubs (individually or through their parent body, Federated Mountain Clubs) have long monitored and should continue to do so. In very recent years there have arisen many competing claims to the use of our conservation estate, some of which may clash with our tramping ethos and which may need rigorous investigation. Commercialisation of wilderness areas, with developments such as tourist resorts, roads, tunnels and monorails, is in the news again. Mining, damming and fracking applications are being filed in many parts of the country including Hawke's Bay. Forests may have been saved (especially since Timberlands was dissolved) but the land around and under them seems to be under investigation for a variety of reasons. The Department of Conservation has been put through the wringer yet again by the government and is starved of funds in many areas of operation. There is a trend of increasing involvement by private bodies in the guardianship of the outdoors – admittedly in Hawke's Bay there have been good outcomes with the sanctuaries that have been developed at Ocean Beach and at Boundary Stream both of which have HTC members involved in their maintenance.

However, private management could, in the future, lead to privatisation and we need to be clear whether this is beneficial or not. Eternal vigilance is necessary.

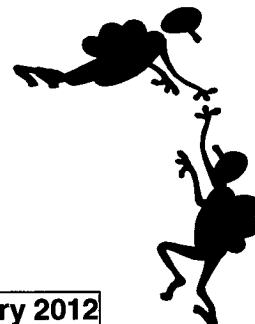
On to more everyday affairs: the summer just gone has often not been friendly towards outdoor activities; a number of HTC trips have had to be cancelled or modified as an apparently endless succession of cyclones has hit the east coast of Hawke's Bay and repeatedly saturated the province. Of course we could regard the conditions as opportunities for testing wet weather gear and skills.....

Highlights of the last few months include John Monty's four-wheel drive trip to Ruahine Corner (and beyond) at Waitangi Weekend, and Graeme Hare's Waikato Walkabout which 24 people joined and thoroughly enjoyed. These variations on traditional tramping trips are proving popular with members of varying experience and ages, from babies to retirees! Keep it up, I say.

I'm sure that most members are aware that we still do not have a club secretary. The committee is keeping the club running but this is only because committee members have taken on extra responsibilities: thanks to all of you, Glenda in particular. The club has always been fortunate in having people prepared to do their share and more – this month has seen the deaths of two notable HTC members, Nancy Tanner and Hal Christian. Both of them were very active in decades gone by. Hal was a tramper and climber of some note as well as being a teacher who fostered a love of the outdoors in his students. I have also heard many tales of Nancy Tanner and how she played a huge part in the running of the club over many years - we were fortunate that she was able to come to the 75th Jubilee. I hope that we can continue to live up to the high standards that she set.

Christine Hardie

TRIP REPORTS



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Te Kooti's Lookout

15 January 2012

Each time club members have been to Te Wae Wae Station and looked across the Te Hoe River to Te Kooti's Lookout, I have said, "We will have to go there again". Twenty three others thought so too! The truck was full!! From the small DoC picnic area, we left our truck party of Pam and Helen to explore the banks of the Mohaka River, and crossed the locked bridge at 9.40am. We walked up the forestry/Ngatapa Station Road, around a hairpin bend and along until the road dropped down again. From this point you can see the two major ridges up the side of the hill. We took the south-west ridge (as opposed to the SE one).



Looking up the southwest ridge from the road towards Te Kooti's Lookout.

We turned off the road on to a logging side track and, after less than 100 metres, cut straight up towards a rocky outcrop. We walked this part easily because the area has recently been logged but over the next couple of seasons it may quickly revert to blackberry. We then left the logged area and entered manuka scrub at grid reference BH38: 293750 or Lat Long 39° 01.294' 176° 48.690' or 39.01231481° and 176.8032360°. This took us over the rocky knob although you could equally well traverse below it and come up between the knob and the ridge proper. Once over the knob we started to head as if to go up the spine of the ridge but within about 30m the route veers sharply right (East then NE) and takes you up through a bowl of scrub before eventually angling back NW to gain the ridge. Once on the main ridge the route does not leave it again and is relatively straightforward. Before that point it was not clear but for the next year or so will be a

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lot better thanks to John Montgomerie and his slasher with which he cut a lot of tea tree. The cut trunks should be clearly visible. Twenty-two keen pairs of boots and Graeme's secateurs also helped!

Just after noon we were tucked into a pretty clearing at the top having lunch. It was easy to see why Te Kooti selected this site to defend in 1871-1872 with its very steep access and 360 degree views. The scrub and regenerating bush is growing back on the summit and it's necessary to go right to the edge to see out. What a view! The two palisade poles which Peter Berry had retrieved and leant against a rock to protect from rotting were still as he left them from a long-ago club trip. Obviously not many people come here.



Palisade poles near summit.

We were back at the truck shortly after 3pm to be welcomed by Pam and Helen. Thanks are due to Dave Puna of Tatarakina Station for permission from the Tatarakina Trust, to Christine for driving and Philip for the apples and nectarines. Thanks to all who came to make this a very enjoyable and satisfying trip.

GRH

Party: Graeme Hare (leader), Christine Hardie, Susan Lopdell, Owen Brown, Bruce Finn, Brent Hickey, Janice Love, John Montgomerie, Marjorie Musson, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Fred Chesterman, Garry Smith, Geoff Clibborn, Paul Whateley, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Mark Hutchinson, Des Smith, Tina Godbert, Ken Nugent, Maureen Broad, Pam Turner, Helen Hare

May 2012

#2171 Kiwi Saddle Work Party

21-22 January 2012

We numbered only three so we drove to the Lakes Road Carpark in Susan's car and started the walk up to Kuripapango. The sky was blue, the views were great and the temperature warm so there were many stops along the way but we still arrived at Kiwi Saddle for lunch. The afternoon was spent cleaning mattresses (Graeme) and wiping down interior walls and ceiling (Susan and Glenda). Round about 3 o'clock a group of four trampers from Manawatu arrived. Two of these trampers lay outside in the sun, turning mattresses for drying, while the other two ventured on a return trip to Kiwi Mouth Hut while we carried on with our work. We had finished by about 4.30pm so we relaxed, watched a deer roaring on the track down the hill before the hut and listened to the "melodious" calls of several long-tailed cuckoos, koekoea, before cooking tea.

The two venturers arrived back just after dark and the evening was spent with all of us playing Sevens, a card game new to the HTC contingent.

We headed back to Lakes Carpark early the next morning, again to the call of the long-tailed cuckoo and had great views of the early morning sunshine on the waters of Hawke Bay. Back home by early afternoon.

Party: Graeme Hare, Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper

#2172 Matauria Ridge

Wed 1 February 2012

We planned to go up-river to Cameron Hut but, with concerns about the river levels, we instead did an easy trip to the foothills of the Kaweka Range along Matauria Ridge. Geoff was doing a bit of work on the truck so this time we used our cars. It was an easy 75 minutes walk over the clay pans to the high point before the drop-off to the Donald River where we had an early lunch, finding a spot in the pine trees out of the wind. This was not a day to be on the tops – we could see clouds racing through the sky. Annetta had brought a young Irish relation who was delighted at the view of the eroded Kaweka hills and was active with her camera. Many in the party did their usual public service of uprooting young contorta pines as they walked along. DoC workers have been tackling some of the larger ones over the last few years.

As there was still plenty of time on the return most of us did the Ngahere Loop Track before the drivers brought their cars along to meet them at the other end. After admiring the smart new information board, one of the latest installations that DoC has put into the forest parks, we went along to Little's Crossing for afternoon smoko before returning home. An enjoyable, if surprisingly cool, day to start our year with.

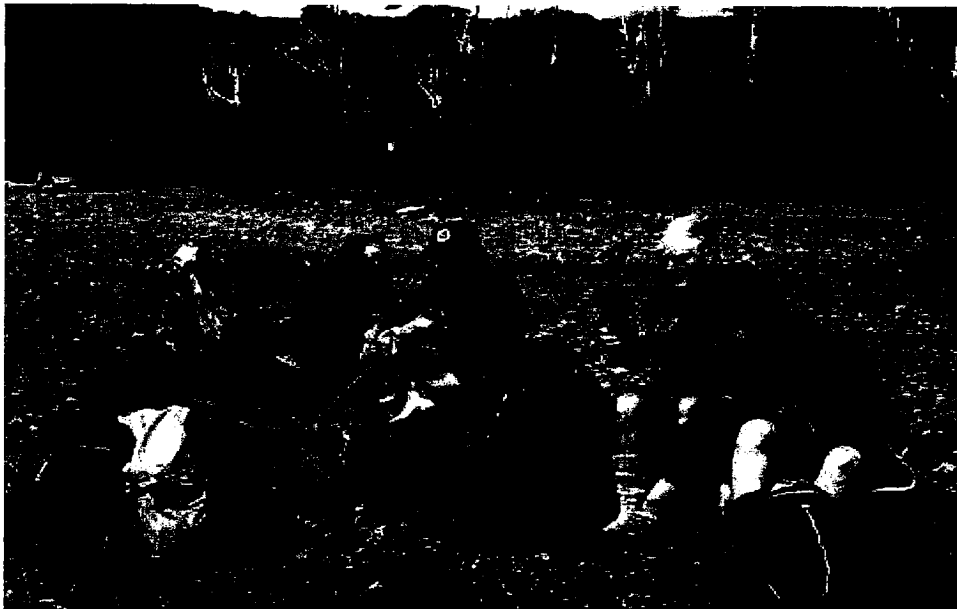
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Party: Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Marion Nicholson, Sue Taylor, Annetta Keys, Jane Lindsay, Christine Turner, Christine Hardie, Marjorie Musson, Garry Smith, Keith Thomson, Alasdair Shaw, Bruce Finn, Rodger Burn

#2172 Poutaki Hut

12 Feb 2012

With ten passengers and Peter at the wheel we headed off to the old Yeoman's Mill site beside the Makaroro River. Some crossed the river before booting up but by 8:45 all were walking along Wakarara Road to Leatherwood Road (uninspiring but necessary because we were unable to get permission to drive along it supposedly because of the number of hunters in the area, although how this was safer for us is still not clear!)



The pine tree we used to cross from the end of Leatherwood Road is now gone so the track starts as a sharp drop down to the creek before steeply climbing the ridge. Native vegetation along the track has significantly improved since my last trip here and we were lucky enough to see the last of the alpine flowers including eyebrights and orchids. The manuka was also still flowering. However there are still plenty of pine trees around threatening the native comeback.

After an hour or so the track gradient slackens off a bit and the short ascent along the main range to the Poutaki Trig starts. All were at the trig by 12:30 where most had lunch, basking in the sunshine and enjoying the views across to Mangleton Plateau. After lunch we made the short trip down to Poutaki Hut which is situated in a grassy clearing 40 metres below the trig.

We returned down the ridge and along the road to be back at the truck at around 4 p.m. At the mill site we met and had a discussion with a local landowner about the proposed dam for the Makaroro River which would flood the mill site and, for a trip like today's one, require a deviation up to Gold Creek to access tracks on the true left of the Makaroro River. Food for thought!

GWH

Party: Peter Berry, Bobby Couchman, Amy Knowles, Paul Whateley, Rodger Burn, Raewyn Ricketts, Alan Berry, Des Smith, Randall Goldfinch, Graeme Hare and Glenda Hooper

#2173	Waikamaka – Waterfall Huts	25-26 Feb 2012
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There were only three heading off to do the trip as the advised leader had to pull out so I volunteered to do the job. Not having been out with the club for some time but having done extensive trips in the South Island over Xmas, I felt happy about the tramp. Before leaving home I had convinced Alan to come along to make up the numbers so the party became four again. We met at Pernel as usual and piled into my car. What a nice couple of passengers I had, one from Tauranga and one from Havelock North. By the time we got to the roadend we knew each other a little better. The walk up the river involved multi crossings up to Waipawa Forks Hut. The others had not been there before so a short break was had. The track has become completely over-grown particularly with tutu and sticking to the river was the only option. We continued and lunch was had at the usual spot by the trees below the saddle. The trees have almost fallen over. Up to the saddle with a slight breeze and down the other side to where the track has been altered - the very narrow piece is now cut back a good 18 inches. Once down to Waikamaka Hut it was decided that one of the party had had enough and was quite happy to stay the night. Another trumper arrived then five more. The evening was quite cosy with the last five having left their children at home to be looked after by their husbands for the weekend. On Sunday morning all ten decided to go over Trig 66 to Sunrise Hut, just to get out of the mess in the river. Janice and Derek were not too happy with the steep scree slopes but appreciated the extensive views from

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the tops. The track over 66 is now very hard to follow through the scrub - maybe a volunteer or two could spend a weekend clearing it up. Once down the track to the swamp junction it was plain sailing out to the car. Everyone seemed to have had a great time.

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Party: Janice Love, Derek Boshier, Alan Petersen, Christine Snook (leader)

#2174 Waikato Walkabout

2 - 11 March 2012

Friday 2nd. Everyone was ready on cue as the truck did its round of pick-ups. After a mammoth effort to get the mountain of gear in, we were on our way. A rendezvous with the two sets of car travellers was held in chilly conditions at the marina in Taupo for morning tea. From there we headed round the north side of the lake and checked out Poukani, a huge totara, and his little sister in Pureora Forest. We then visited the DoC information centre at Pureora and gave them our pamphlet to photocopy for visitors as they didn't have any. Off to the Pureora Forest Park Lodge to settle in and for a walk around the Waipapa Loop Track with its huge variety of trees especially large podocarps, then back to the lodge for tea and games.

Saturday 3rd. The day dawned cold, windy and raining as forecast so we played games and read for the morning although some people ducked out between showers to walk up the access road and back again or around the lodge environs. Along the road we saw a "deer jaw drop" where hunters leave the jaws as part of a survey to estimate deer numbers in the area.



Christine decided to move the resident weta from being trampled in the bathroom door and got bitten for her troubles; an unusual souvenir, to say the least.

After lunch, a short drive along Link Road took us to the start of the track up Mount Pureora. A light drizzle enhanced the beautiful lichen-covered forest, again with a huge variety of flora. It was blowing a gale and misty on top. Once back on the truck we went around to the Totara Walk with its well-marked track, information boards and plenty of birdlife including several friendly robins and kaka. Home for dinner and Trivial Pursuits! Lyn brought out three brain teaser games, two wooden puzzles and a string bondage game which caused much laughter as well as frustration. The promised solution was not given that night but revealed a day or two later.



Sunday 4th. A beautifully clear sunny day with minimal wind meant perfect conditions for our walk from Link Road through to Mount Titiraupenga. Eight of us set off down the overgrown track which meandered all over the place, up and down. Several fallen trees obscured the track in places so the distant orange markers proved invaluable. We passed by the centre of the North Island (as marked with a plaque) and eventually, after fording nine small streams, we ascended the rocky slopes of the summit, stopping at a respectable height to view Ruapehu, Tongariro, Taupo-moana and the Waikato River. We had a quick conversation with Raewyn and

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Alan who, along with others, had walked up the Arataki Track from the other side and we descended the same way. Unfortunately Isobel and I dropped down a track that soon became the ultimate challenge and when the small tree trunk holds ran out and the ferns followed then it was just bare earth and we found ourselves almost parallel with the ground. After rushing down the slope we realised that we hadn't seen a marker for a while so called up to the others to please retrace their steps and find the real track. This was quickly found - to the relief of all concerned - and we set out again at a more civilised pace. Gradually the steep steps lessened, the gradient eased and we were soon on clay and pumice rocks that proved very slippery too slippery for two of us!

Our next stop was a visit to an old 1920s Caterpillar tractor left where it had broken down in the forest in the 1950s. To protect this "historic relic" it has been covered by an archway of laminated wood and clear perspex with two comfy seats inside the shelter - quite an expense, we thought.

Monday 5th. We cleaned up Pureora Lodge and drove round to the Mapara Wildlife Management Reserve, a mainland island primarily dedicated to providing a habitat for the kokako. Here we met Brian who had driven from Wellington to join us. After twenty minutes in the reserve we were lucky enough to hear kokako in the bush although unable to see them. We then returned and moved on to the Omaru Falls car-park. A half hour walk through lovely bush led us to the spectacular sight of the falls dropping into the valley far below. We made our little contribution by clearing blackberry from a few of the planted seedlings alongside the track on the way back.

Next, to Te Kuiti. After a pleasant lunch in the park we were off to Otorohanga and the Kiwiana display which is a mall evoking nostalgic memories of such things as school milk, the scheme now reinstated in some parts of the country. And, "stepping back in time" we enjoyed a browse through Haddad's Store with large quantities of sturdy clothing and footwear displayed. Some great bargains to be had if needed.

Then followed a picturesque drive to Kawhia Harbour and our next accommodation at Te Kauri Lodge, a great facility owned by the Hamilton Junior Naturalists Club. It can cater for 100 people and is nestled among the trees of Te Kauri Reserve. Rodger and Judy were waiting for us, and Glenda and Anne arrived a little later in another car. An extra feature of the lodge for the ladies was a large spider with a 12 mm body resident on one of the shower curtains - possibly a "sheet web" or "vagrant" spider. We were careful not to disturb it but on the third day it was found dead on the floor, having succumbed during the night.

Tuesday 6th. Up bright and early, we set off for what we thought would be an hour's drive to Te Toto Gorge near Raglan but, because of the winding road and a detour, it took us two hours. As time was precious most of us decided to forgo our trip down into the gorge and set off across the road to climb Mount Karioi. Geoff did go down into the gorge to check a geocache - the track drops very steeply on the seaward side of the road. Once at the bottom the grass was waist deep so care was needed with foot placement around rocks and drops. The gorge is an awe-inspiring sight with huge cliffs on three sides and the sea on the other.

Meanwhile, our party of two women and three blokes strode through an orchestra of newly emerging emerald-green cicadas who were trying to find their wings, so were very low to the ground. The quintinia were plentiful and we saw flowering rata plus some Easter orchids. We negotiated ladders, chains and tree roots, making good time to the lookout where we were rewarded with wonderful views of Kawhia Harbour and the Tasman Sea. At the lookout we met a 77 year-old local, an ex-farmer who had had four hip replacements and a recent bout in hospital. We marvelled at his strength and dexterity.

Continuing across the undulating saddle we negotiated a steep rocky climb to the summit where we took in the 360° views - marvellous. A structure visible at the top proved to be a search and rescue beacon, powered by an elaborate solar panel system. A few large rocks further on there was a sturdy concrete helipad where we stopped for more photos before climbing backwards down another two ladders to drop down the other side. The route went steadily downhill with the occasional clamber around big tree roots and rocks. After an hour we emerged on farmland and followed a fence line across the paddocks. There were plenty of farm animals to admire - healthy looking Romney sheep, dairy cattle of "mixed breed", black-faced Suffolks, a large black four-tooth ewe, a few turkeys and a pair of paradise ducks. We were almost at the road end when, what should come into sight along the road but the truck? Talk about perfect timing. back to Te Kauri

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Lodge for dinner and games, including some kind of hide and seek performed by Lyn, Isobel and a lot of vegetation.

Wednesday 7th. Graeme managed to get a good entry fee deal into the Waitomo Caves for his "senior citizens". The facilities have changed markedly since I last visited forty years ago; an award-winning architectural structure now houses the entrance foyer, café, restaurant, theatre, gift shop, building information and carvings – all on various levels enabling it to blend with the natural surroundings. Our guide, Evelyn, gave an informative talk and we descended into the cave to enjoy the stalagmites and stalactites, tastefully lit. Once into the impressive Cathedral Cave we sang "Happy Birthday" to Marion. Hopefully this will have been a memorable event for her. The final experience was the silent boat ride, gliding through the darkness to see the glow-worms (*arachnocampa luminosa*) to best advantage.

Morning tea under the trees then down the road to the Ruakuri Scenic Reserve for a spectacular walk through natural caves with rock formations looped around beside a parataniwha-lined stream.

We then headed westwards towards the coast and the Mangapohue Natural Bridge, originally a cave with a stream running through it but now a spectacular land bridge, left after most of the rock collapsed into the stream. The huge flattish ceiling sported ectotrophic heliosperms, or biokarsts, as opposed to stalactites. After many photos we crossed into farm paddocks where we found fossilised oyster shells, some the size of dinner plates, in interesting rock piles. At this point we were 17 kilometres from the sea. Another short drive took us to the Piripiri Cave and many, many, many steps down into its bowels.



Along the road a little further are the splendid Marakopa Falls, which are down a 30 minute walk, partly in bush and partly in the open where a fair amount of planting has taken place. The falls are massive with the water spreading evenly across the cliff face, cascading on to small rocky outcrops and culminating in a pool at the bottom – complete with rainbow. Just beautiful.

Back to Otorahanga for a quick food shop, and then dinner at the impressive Otorahanga Services and Citizens Club. Good food, good company – and no dishes. Back at the lodge we circulated a card and sang Happy Birthday to Marion once more before eating cake.

Thursday 8th. A bit of a lie-in for some even though Bobby's alarm went unanswered at 6:30 until we felt quite desperate! At 9 o'clock we crossed the road from the lodge and set off down the Manuka Track, innumerable steps through very pretty bush, predominantly tanekaha (celery pine), until we were so deep into the valley that Penny stated, "Any further down and we will need a snorkel". Tall straight trees, mostly with small trunks, stretched up from the valley floor to fight for light. There was a huge variety of flora to look at: rewarewa, wheke, ponga, mamaku, nikau, kahikatea, rimu, plenty of orchid leaves, large epiphytes and lush undergrowth including kidney ferns, dianella berries, dainty ground cover and umbrella mosses. Pam saw interesting pale grey lichen with long fingers – and a kingfisher. We took a little side track round to the campsite near the river then crossed the bridge and headed back up Devlin's Track, mindful that Mr Lyn was making us scones for morning tea at 10:30. This was much more of a slog with far fewer formed steps but the same lush forest and more parataniwha on the higher slopes.

The hot scones lived up to expectations and quickly disappeared along with Pam's raspberry jam. A visit to the museum and education centre beneath the lodge proved popular - because of limited space the artefacts, photographs and information are tastefully displayed in an intimate and clearly visible manner. The highlight for most of us were the articles and photos of the recently discovered 400 million year-old giant penguin fossil, the height of a man, found locally by children exploring at the beach.

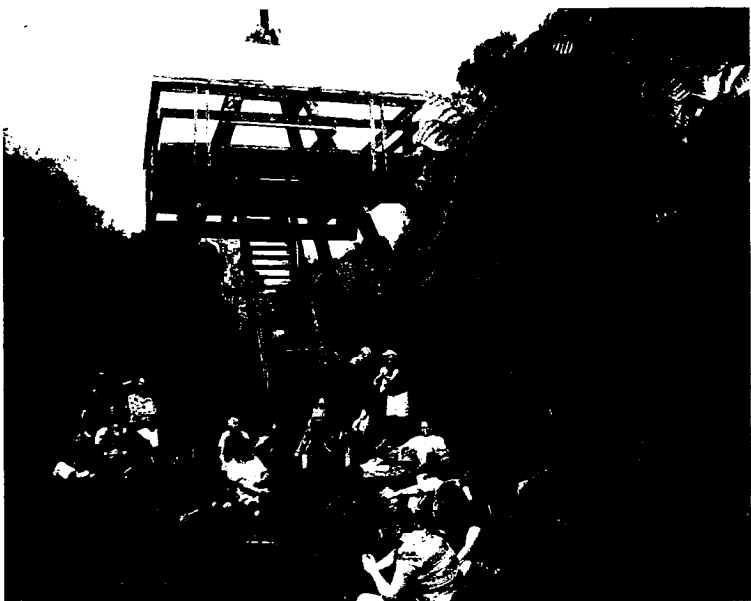


minutes back to town along the coast. Kawhia Harbour has a huge expanse of coastline and tidal flats – very picturesque, marred only by the stench of diesel which was visible on the sand. A couple of locals were apologetic as apparently the “incident” had just occurred and the cause was being investigated. (It was later reported in the papers as a fuel spill but apparently not a serious one). We picked up the tyre and had a drink at the pub before going in to eat our fish and chips, coleslaw, buttered white bread and cups of tea. Very welcome.

Friday 9th. Rodger, Lyn and Judy left the group to return to Hawke’s Bay and, in the evening, Glenda’s daughter, Donna joined us from Hamilton. We went to Corcoran Road and the base of Pirongia, the highest peak in the region. The Tirohanga Track leads up to Ruapane Trig and then traverses an undulating ridge over uneven ground before passing Tirohanga Bluff, a pinnacle of hard lava signifying its volcanic origins. The track then descends and climbs steeply again before reaching the summit of Pirongia. As the day was clear we had great views of Ruapehu, Tongariro and Mount Taranaki, and saw the remains of a prolific rata flowering.

Brian, Isobel and I went to the top - thank you, Brian, I am not sure Graeme would have let the two of us loose on our own! We enjoyed the challenge of the rough terrain – chains, rocks, endless tree roots and mud. We met only two other trampers, one of them a mountain runner. The other members of our party climbed to the trig by another route and we all gathered at the end of Grey Road and the entrance to a scenic walk which has impressive specimens of pukatea and tawa. Next to this area is also a very grand lodge with sweeping views over the Waikato area – too expensive for us! After all our tramping it was off to Pirongia township for an ice-cream.

Saturday 10th. On the road again, this time to Kakepuku, one of four volcanic cones in the area. This is obviously a popular walk and a rough, stepped track took us over the farm, into the trees and up to the trig.



The bird life was prolific though difficult to see. We heard many tui and saw the remnant feathers of a kakariki on the track, probably predated by a falcon - we saw one in full cry, swooping across the lower slopes as we went down.

After lunch we headed to Lake Ngaroto, hoping to see more bird life. Although the lake looked a picture when we could see it through the reeds, it was disturbing to see

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full blue/green algal bloom in the lake and to read of the dangers of coming into contact with the water. We took a short walk across a swampy area on a boardwalk and then through a planted kanuka grove with trees all the same size, evenly spaced with some ferns beneath.

We retraced our steps (without telling Glenda and Donna who then had to search us out) and headed for Yarndley's Bush. This proved to be a real treasure: a fourteen hectare remnant of original lowland forest with towering straight kahikatea and magnificently buttressed pukatea, ringing with bellbird song high in the tops. I found the atmosphere very moving. We climbed a tall tower to the lookout and, on the way out, saw the "windrows" where black plastic is placed over wandering willie and held down at the edges with pieces of wood. Even the few people who had decided they would "give this one a miss" were soon scurrying down the hill to visit this extraordinary reserve. We then headed back to Pirongia to sample another ice-cream before calling in at the Walter Scott Reserve, dedicated by local farmers and maintained by Forest & Bird, for Geoff to find another cache. Those who walked the loop in this reserve found it well worthwhile. Back at the lodge it was "Happy Birthday" to Penny this time.

Sunday 11th. We cleaned up the lodge in our usual industrious manner and then drove to Maungatautari where we entered the southern enclosure. We were delighted to see two takahe in the clearing and two knowledgeable volunteers present pointed out the female which had "killed her last husband". Her current mate is about her size and she just roughs him up a little by swinging him by the neck which he apparently tolerates. Maybe this is where the "henpecked husband" saying originated from.....

We then spent at least twenty minutes watching (some from the large observation tower deep in the reserve) and being entertained by up to eleven kaka. They seemed totally unfazed by our presence and swooped through us at ear level from bird feeder to vine or tree, eating their peanuts, swinging on vines and climbing up and down using their feet and strong beaks. The larger female was wearing a transmitter that will fall off when she moults. She had just reared four chicks, which were not banded and easier to spot. Several little finches sat on the ground picking up peanut remnants.

We completed the Nikau Track and the Rata Track before returning through the controlled entrance. Volunteers are on duty at the reserve every day and were able to tell us that it is now completely free of mustelids, possums and rats with just a few rabbits, a pocket of hares, and wasps being the remaining pests. A "wall of death" is now the means of keeping the reserve pest-free, comprising a trap every five to ten metres around the entire reserve. We all agreed that Maungatautari is a magnificent community enterprise and were pleased to be able to compare notes with their people about our sanctuaries in Hawke's Bay, particularly Ocean Beach and Boundary Stream. Our last stop on the journey was Arapuni on the Waikato River with the big swing bridge high over the water, the view of the power station and lunch in the park together before the last stretch home.

Once again Graeme has excelled himself and managed to co-ordinate a variety of walks and visual spectacles in another area of our beautiful country. The great thing about these holiday trips is that there is something for everyone – bird watching, geo-caching, tramping, photo-taking, swimming, sight-seeing - as much or as little as your wish, with a great bunch of people. Thanks Graeme and thank you to our drivers, Lex and Christine, to our nav-woman Kate (courtesy of Alan) and to everyone who contributed in their own way to a great trip.

[Editor: Thanks, Joan, for writing the account of a great trip].

Party: Helen and Graeme Hare, Anne and Lex Smith, Christine Hardie, Evelyn and Geoff Clibborn, Marion Nicholson, Fred Chesterman, Penny Isherwood, Colleen Smith, Alan Berry, Raewyn Ricketts, Glenda Hooper, Rodger Burn, Judy McBride, Isobel Holdaway, Joan Ruffell, Pam Turner, Lyn Gentry, Marjorie Musson, Bobby Couchman, Garry Smith, Brian Smith

#2175

Waipatiki Beach Walk

Wed 14 March 2012

We weren't too sure whether this would be a goer so soon after Graeme's "Wonderful Waikato Walkabout" but a fine forecast lured a party of ten out for the day. It was great to have Murray Aitken with us again. We last did this trip some three to four years ago and the track along the bottom of the cliffs was closed at one

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point due to slips. Now it is perfectly accessible with a deviation in place - just as well as I had stuffed up and it was nearly high tide!

Today was just perfect: clear, warm, little wind and the sea looking quite blue as we approached Aropaonui Beach. After a steady scramble along the coastal track, hunger pangs made us return to Waipatiki Beach where some of us had left our lunches in the cars! We ate and basked in the sun before driving back to the scenic reserve before Waipatiki settlement. It was interesting to see how the new subdivision has developed and some of us drove around to marvel at the expensive-looking houses. At the reserve we were greeted with a full carpark as, coincidentally, the Amblers were in the vicinity but were doing a round trip the opposite way from us. We headed up a steepish climb through the reserve with its great stands of nikau palms, some of which were flowering which is an impressive sight with the large pods dropping off to reveal the fresh, pink flower bunches. Just before emerging onto Aropaonui Road we turned down the lower track to go through more attractive bush and eventually reach our cars. RB

Party: Sue Taylor, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Penny Isherwood, Christine Hardie, Bruce and Christine Turner, Keith Thomson, Murray Aitken, Rodger Burn

#2176	Longview - Ruahines	Wed 28 March 2012
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The weather forecast was all good as we drove along SH50, picking up our three CHB members along the way. Down Mill Road and on to Kashmir Road where Christine drove deftly but very bumpily to avoid some of the new potholes – more rain is going to make the road from the old Moorcock's Base site marginal and probably not safe for the truck unless it is upgraded again.

The road through the pines was also a little slippery and bumpy but the parking area at the end is open and dry with another one of DoC's impressive notice boards and a flash fibreglass loo. It was immediately apparent also that DoC (or DoC contractors more likely) has been doing a track-widening programme on the first section; most of the original trail has been obliterated, probably by a bobcat or similar machine, and the route now zigzags up the hillside in the style of Sunrise Track further north. Opinion was divided among the party – some were not bothered by it but many others thought that it was completely unnecessary and destructive. There was no sign of drainage or surfacing and smashed trees were lying at the trackside along the way.

(Note: we later discovered that it is apparently part of erosion control in the area but some members are interested in finding out more details and whether this is part of a wider programme).

Perfect tramping conditions - sun and light wind - soon had us rapidly gaining height and trying to avoid the muddy patches. We stopped for smoko, sinking into the tussock halfway up the track and taking in the scenery before plodding up to the top, a climb of nearly 500 metres. The early birds reached the hut at about midday and the tail-enders (including the scribe) about 15 minutes later.

Longview was in good condition and empty, and this site was a first for some of our party who were impressed with the views all round. After a relaxed lunch on the verandah we made our way back slowly to the truck, meeting a couple of Havelock North trampers who were seeking an old track on the ridge north of the Longview access. Unfortunately Christine T slipped on some loose rocks on the way down and scraped her thigh rather painfully but was soon patched up by Nurse Marion and she carried on to the truck with the rest of us.

Party: Christine Hardie, Penny Isherwood, Marion Nicholson, Janice Love, Mary Van Panhuys, Jill Connor, Heather Stephenson, Bruce and Christine Turner, Keith Thomson, Garry Smith, Ray Manning, Rodger Burn

#2177	MacIntosh – Kaweka	22 April 2012
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Everyone must have decided that it was a good day for an outing because 22 people turned up at Pernel for a wander in the woods. Following Alan's suggestion at the previous meeting we changed the starting point

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from Lawrence to Lakes. The road in has been recently re-gravelled but not graded – otherwise all is in good condition. Weather was fine with high cloud and no wind. Great!

The larger group was dropped off at the MacIntosh carpark and Peter drove the truck back to Lakes where there was a full complement of parked vehicles including three vans from Napier Girls' High. Good to see that outdoor education is thriving. He, Glenda, Penny, Susan and the McKinley family walked in to the Kaweka Hut site and back with a side trip for G and P up Rogue Ridge to the top where they could admire all the flowers. While they were busy, the others walked in to MacIntosh. At the bottom of the first descent, the modern metal bridge was admired and much reminiscing was shared about the old three-wire crossing. Ah, those were the days - or something.

Of course it was onward and upward. The slip along the stream remains fairly stable so that was no problem but the slog up the other side of the drop remains as serious as ever. However, everyone made it without incident. From there it's an uneventful wander with a chance to uproot little contorta pines which several of us did. On the way we met a pair of hunters clad from top to toe in camouflage gear with one sporting a rifle with enormous scope and silencer, and the other a set of arrows for bow hunting. Needless to say, they didn't report any trophies!

We met Randall at the hut, as planned – he came in the day before to test some of his new, high-tech gear. The hut is in good shape and the book showed a steady rate of usage. A lunchette, a bit of botanising with Mike (he is currently engrossed by mosses that grow on dog turds!) and then everyone was away again except Christine who walked back out to the road and down to the Lakes. At the carpark we waited in the remaining sun before it sank below the hills. Everyone arrived by about four o'clock and expressed satisfaction with their day's work. An excellent day for all.

Party: Christine Hardie (driver and scribe), Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Penny Isherwood, Alan Berry, Raewyn Ricketts, Bobby Couchman, Jason, Penny, Briar & Hannah McKinley, Brent Hickey and friend Andre, Susan Lopdell, Mike Lusk, Mark Hutchinson, Christine Snook, Marion Nicholson, Robyn Madden, Maureen Broad, Des Smith, Paul Whateley

From the Archives

Fifty Years Ago

Club trip no. 683 was held in late February 1962 and entitled "Major Mac Haddit Search Preparation"

In perfect weather a party of six club members arrived at Whittle's at 9 a.m. and proceeded to make the necessary preparations for the trial search scheduled to take place the following weekend. Clues were laid at the lowest point of Middle Ridge. From there we strolled to the east side of the east branch of Gorge River where Major Mac Haddit wrote his last note and died beside a gorse bush. The Major had had a good meal and a boil-up at the west branch of Gorge Stream – our lunch stop. From here we made our way to Lotkow Hut, laying clues, taking wrong turnings and generally having a very nice easy time.

Care was taken by most of us to keep our mouths shut during the night as little white grubs – commonly known as maggots – kept dropping onto the floor from nowhere. The source of these was found the following morning by Kath Elder in a sack of rotten potatoes!

At 8 a.m. four of us set out, leaving Norm and Kath to lay clues from the hut to the top of Spike Ridge via Makahu Track. All was going well with our party until we found that we had climbed out of West Cable Creek too soon and were in dense manuka, not on a track as we were meant to be. Lo and behold, as we pushed our way on to Spike Ridge, a main highway appeared out of the blue – well, out of the scrub, anyway. Following this track down we arrived at the Donald River at 9.45 a.m. Up the Donald, past Jap Creek, Black Birch and Matauria Ridge, beyond which we had a hurried lunch.

At noon we headed downstream again after leaving on the lunch site a large collection of empty tins and so on. Further clues were left at several places as we proceeded, including one at the cairn on the Black Birch turn-off. This clue stated that Major Mac Haddit was unable to go any further down the Donald and that he was going up Jap Creek. We came upon a waterfall a short distance up the creek and from here we pushed, shoved and cursed our way through manuka on to Spike Ridge where we found the track that we had previously followed down. Up this track to the Spike then down to the saddle behind Lotkow Hut, a bite to eat, a general clean-up of the hut and we were away for Whittle's by 5 p.m.

This party was led by Russell Berry who was accompanied by Norm & Kath Elder, Nancy Tanner, Annette Tremewan and Nicholas Buchanan.

HTC BIKE TRIPS



Argyll Circuit

Wed 8 Feb 2012

Leaving Pernel Orchard at 8.30am, seven vehicles travelled to Pukehou, 30kms south of Hastings. Our base was a private property which gave us secure parking and direct access to the starting point of our ride in College Road. Eleven cyclists made a start on a rather steep hill of 2kms. To their credit, they all completed it without too much bother. In their favour were mild overcast conditions without any wind. The writer was not riding, due to injury, but shadowing the group from the rear in his truck and feeling quite frustrated at not being able to cycle. Once the hill was completed, confidence rose as there was 6.5kms of easy undulating terrain to the first signpost where College Road meets Argyll Road. Turning right into Argyll East, another hill was undertaken. I thought it was 1.7kms long but was corrected at morning tea that it was INDEED 2.7kms! A long downhill took us to Argyll School where we had smoko under some trees opposite the school. A nice touch was when a staff member called out that we could use the loo at the back of the old hall and that water was available. From there, nearly 11kms of gentle ups and downs with the odd steepish piece took us past attractively planted houses and gardens to the corner of Argyll and Te Onepu Roads. Two short steep hills were encountered on Te Onepu Road before the long descent of nearly 5kms of sharp corners, hairpin bends and sweeping curves which could take your breath away if you weren't hard on your brakes! (Oh for a Mini-Cooper S circa 1964!) A routine 3kms with a "wide shoulder" ridden on SH2 took everyone to the McBain's gateway, up the long drive back to our cars and lunch in a very attractive setting with Langton House in the background.

Cyclists: Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie, Judy McBride, Marjorie Musson, Heather Stephenson, Marion Nicholson, Peggy Gulliver, Isobel Holdaway, Garry Smith, Christine Turner, Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw (support truck)

Pathways: Hohepa to EIT to Puketapu

Wed 22 February 2012

The day started topsy-turvy with the Taradale group arriving at Guppy Road-end to meet the Hastings riders at 9.45am; Another group was also due to meet us at the EIT but when these cyclists weren't there by 10.00, Christine biked back to find them. Eventually they made phone contact and Garry ushered them on ahead to Puketapu. The cycleway going out is nice and smooth plus very scenic along the stopbanks. Weather was overcast and a few spits of rain greeted us as we slowly cycled on our way. Eventually a madly puffing Christine caught us up after having raced from the EIT, followed much later by the Hastings crowd. We all arrived at Puketapu Domain where Peggy had been waiting for 10 minutes. We later found out that the delay had been caused by a peach tree loaded with ripe fruit which had caught their attention on the side of the track! We cycled back in deteriorating weather – the Taradale group made it home safely but some Hastings people were caught in a shower before they reached Pakowhai Park again.

Cyclists: Marjorie Musson, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Christine Hardie, Garry Smith, Isobel Holdaway, Alasdair Shaw, Rodger Burn, Geoff Clibborn, Bobby Couchman, Joan Ruffell, Pam Pike, Graeme and Helen Hare, Peggy Gulliver, Glenda Hooper, Colleen Smith, Judy McBride

Seafield Road Circuit

Wed 11 April 2012

This week was supposed to be a tramp but general conditions for that were very poor after all the Easter storms so a cycle ride was the order of the day. At such short notice 13 of us met at Park Island, Napier. For once the "girls" were champing at the bit and, unusually, they were outnumbered by the "lads". Almost immediately we struck our first hill through the cemetery which had us puffing but it's an attractive alternative to the main road. Then it was up and along the undulating Puketitiri Road; most people got up all the hills without walking. The weather was great and we made good time before stopping for a welcome snack at the top of Seafield Road just past the turnoff.

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The best bit is next with the wonderful downhill cruise – average speed of 55kph today. Rejuvenated, we tackled the last few uphill bits before enjoying the final, smaller downhill run and joining up with Marion who had ridden the opposite way from Taradale. We cruised in, then out of Bay View with a brief stop for Christine to get her favourite ice cream (no-one else wanted to pig out). She then showed her dexterity along the main road by cycling, changing gear and eating her ice cream at the same time. (I'm glad someone's impressed! CH) Just after midday now and we stopped for lunch by the beach. Back along the cycle paths to Westshore, down the Embankment, over the railway line onto Prebensen Drive and back. RB

Cyclists: Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Christine Hardie, Maureen Broad, Marjorie Musson, Garry Smith, Lyn Gentry, Ray Manning, Dick Waterer, Graeme Hare, Alasdair Shaw, Brent Hickey, Rodger Burn

HTC PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Havelock North area, Saturday 9th June 2012

CLUB NEWS

Truck will be used for transport and there will be a theme - to be advised.

If you are looking for a fun night out please contact Mr or Mrs Lyn Gentry before 31st May 2012.
Phone 875 0542 or email gentry01@ihug.co.nz

ITEMS for SALE

The club has a number of useful tramping items for sale at discounted prices.

New Topo 50 Maps:	\$4.50
Large blue survival bags	\$5.00
Smaller white pack liners	\$2.50
Metal HTC club badges	\$8.00
Blue HTC caps	\$17.00
Bushcraft books	\$12.00
Safety in the Mountains	\$3.00

These can all be ordered from the salesperson **Anne Blake** Ph 835 3284 or dblake@ihug.co.nz

Obituary

NANCY DENTONIA TANNER

28.02.1918 - 07.04.2012

Nancy Tanner spent her entire life in service for others, not the least driving for Meals on Wheels every week for at least forty years. She provided care for the elderly, some not very much older than herself. For many long years Heretaunga Tramping Club was Nancy's life and, for many of us, Nancy was the HTC. She was our mentor and friend, and she gave herself selflessly for the benefit of all within her tramping family. Nancy joined HTC in 1939 and, with her intelligence and ability, she soon climbed the ranks within the various committees. With our active men away at war Nancy assumed all the roles and single-handedly ran the club in all its aspects. She mustered up the exuberant youth and rat bags from the Boys' High School, and took them out regularly where she taught them skills for life, bushcraft and survival. And made sure they had tons of fun doing so! She was a natural leader and demonstrated this admirably as Club Captain and Truck Driver. She would crank up the coughing old club truck and bump it along over ditches and creeks, often where there were no roads at all - her colourful language getting it to almost fly at times!

During the war Nancy did orchard work, went sheep farming and later joined the WRENS as Transport Officer. She referred to this as her "Wrennery," and joked that, when she left as Officer-in-Charge, she had come full circle "from poacher to game keeper." Nancy became HTC Secretary in 1958, which was when I first met her. We all, at some stage in this era, felt the lash of her tongue for some youthful misdemeanour, but she never held a grudge, was quick to forget and forgive, and always smiled her way through life. I never heard her complain - not even on the longest trips in the foulest of weathers. Out in the Kawekas taking a survival course, sleeping light on open manuka beds, huddled together only in sleeping bag covers, there were complaints of "FREEZING!" Did Nancy complain? NO! Did Nancy growl? NO! Her only comment was, "Shiver harder so you warm me up!" Nancy even taught us "The H T C wave!!" She was completely at home in the bush and loved those of us who rambled there with her. Superbly fit but never

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seeming to hurry, Nancy was ever ready to pass her skills on. She could quickly light a fire with wet firewood in the most atrocious weather and had an uncanny knowledge of best routes or where shelters were. In 1963 Nancy applauded the fact that the club at last had "old members", i.e. those over 21



Our club's 75th reunion was a highlight in Nancy's later life. She was the sole representative for the 1930 - 40 decade photograph and she took real honour in cutting the cake. It was lovely to see so many people approach Nancy, one at a time, to sit with her, laugh and share memories. She remembered them all and just loved joining in singing our old club songs.

Right up to the end Nancy was talking and smiling over memories revived by this reunion. She had a deep religious faith and knew exactly where she was going in life, a life filled with service and now granted, in the end, the gift of everlasting sleep.

Pam Turner



Nancy Tanner and Hal Christian at a social gathering for 1950's trampers. 12.01.2009

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Obituary HAL CHRISTIAN, 1918 - 2012

A man of great good humour, of unbounded confidence and a willingness to give unstintingly of his time and his talents to his friends and the community.

I guess a schoolmaster needs those attributes and we in the club became the beneficiaries of Hal's enthusiasm and cheerful disposition when he took up a position at the Hastings High School in 1954. Hal's first trip with the club was a river-crossing exercise in January 1954 and he was a very active member during his nine years at Hastings High, also serving on the club committee and sub-committees. But more importantly, he introduced a large number of his pupils to life in the hills and the bush and many of them have maintained that interest ever since. Although Hal was unable to join us for the 75th anniversary celebrations in 2010, several of his pupils were present and were able to share fond memories of their times spent tramping with Hal in the 1950's and 60's.

Alongside his love of tramping, Hal was a keen mountaineer. George Lowe and Wally Romanes would have climbed higher but Hal climbed more, making many notable climbs over the years. He climbed Mount Cook when he was 50, and 10,300 foot Elie de Beaumont at the age of 70, for goodness sake.



Jim Glass and I were lucky enough to share a trip with him to the high peaks of the Mount Cook region in 1956. Well ... lucky we came back that is. We knew even less than Hal about mountaineering in those days but when you are attached by a rope to a person of Hal's boundless enthusiasm and optimism, anything and everything looks possible. We should have killed ourselves. Instead, we climbed a few 10,000 footers.

After he moved from Hastings, Hal spent 30 years teaching at Orewa High School and many of us have shared his hospitality when passing through the north. He founded the Hibiscus Coast Tramping Club and was very active in the Methodist Church and in Lions, right to the end. Life with Hal was life in the fast lane, life filled with laughter, optimism and total enthusiasm. We who knew Hal will have many happy memories of the time we shared.

Our thoughts are with Heather and their family.

Alan Berry

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Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

Coming Meetings:

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host	Supper Help
2 May	Vivienne and Richard Waterer	Boating in France	John Montgomerie	Marion Nicholson Judy McBride
16 May	Pam Turner	Bats at Ball's Clearing	Alan Berry	Susan Taylor Ray Manning
30 May	Training Committee	Safety First	Randall Goldfinch	Pam Turner Maureen Broad
13 Jun	Andrew Mercer, DoC	Updates on the Conservation Estate	Liz Pindar	Brent Hickey Bobby Couchman
27 Jun	Volunteer Needed	Maybe some photos or long trip reports	Alan Berry	Anne Cantrick Pam Turner
11 Jul	Peter and Glenda	Maybe a Quiz or a Bit of Music and Drama	Marj Musson	Jim Hewes Rodger Burn
25 Jul	Susan Lopdell	Travels in South Australia	Helen Hare	David Blake John Berry
8 Aug	Members' Night	Socialise; Look at Photos	Mike Lusk	Alasdair Shaw Christine Snook
22 Aug	HBRC	Water Storage at Makaroro	Ken Nugent	Joan Ruffell Garry Smith
5 Sept	Volunteer Needed	Speaker's Choice	Des Smith	Geoff Clibborn Mary Gray
19 Sept	Ros Lusk	Photo Competition	Penny Isherwood	Graeme Hare Isobel Holdaway
3 Oct	Training Committee	Your Turn Tonight	Judy McBride	Marion Nicholson John Montgomerie
17 Oct	Volunteer Needed	Choose Your Topic	Heather Stephenson	Susan Taylor Jim Glass
31 Oct	Mike Lusk	Questionable Plants	Pam Turner	Maureen Broad Randall Goldfinch

Meetings Sub-Committee: Christine Hardie, Marjorie Musson.

We want ideas for club night speakers and activities.

Supper:

Put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy, and generally help Raewyn. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting.

Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (the one before a weekend tramp) at the Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open at 7.30 pm; visitors are welcome.

ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP?

Even the easiest of club trips requires 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 cattle-stop via the roadside track with an eight kilogram pack should take about 70 - 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for five to six hours.

TRIP GRADINGS

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

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

HARD: 8 hrs plus tramping - experience and 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

DAY TRIPS		WEEKEND TRIPS
<u>Wear/Carry</u>	<u>Carry</u>	All items listed for day trip plus
Pack and pack liner	Map & compass	Sleeping bag
Boots and gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least a litre of water	Food for three additional meals
Parka and over-trou	Lunch	Cooker, billy and matches or lighter
Fast-drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or woollen jumper	Torch, spare batteries and bulb	Toilet gear, small towel and toilet paper
Long-johns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, cutlery
Gloves/mittens	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches, pencil, paper)	Tent/fly if required
Overmitts		
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

Leave at truck/car: Complete set of clothing for the return trip and a mug with tea / coffee / sugar or whatever to have a hot drink from the Clibbornette.

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 two 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 10.00 pm. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all enquiries about overdue tramps please ring one of the following:

Susan Lopdell 844 6697

Graeme Hare 844 8656

Glenda Hooper 877 4183

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

TRIP LIST 2012



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 organiser or Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697. Please email trip requests to susansplace@xtra.co.nz

5 - 6 May	Whanganui Area	\$ 35	Maps:
Sat: be guided by Basil Hooper through the old waterworks reserve past Bushy Park. Sun: walk part of the Maharara Crossing in the Ruahines with the Whanganui Club Organiser: Anne Cantrick Ph 844 8149 Driver: Christine Hardie			
9 May Wed	Tramp Mangakuri and Waipuna Stations		
A wander over farmland in coastal CHB - new territory for the mid-weekers. Organiser: Alan Berry Ph 877 7223			
16 May Wed	Cycle Pakowhai Park to Clifton		
One of our favourite routes and all flat. Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322			
20 May	Hinerua - Smiths Stream Huts in the Ruahines	\$15	Map: BL36
Options are to go in to Smiths Stream Hut from Alder Road and return or venture on to Paemutu then down to Smiths Stream and return. Organiser:			
23 May Wed	Tramp to Sunrise Hut	\$15	Map: BL36
Easiest way to the Ruahine tops. Organiser: Judy McBride Ph 876 9756			
30 May Wed	Cycle Pakowhai Park to Bay View		
Cover some more miles on our cycle ways. Organiser: Bobby Couchman Ph 877 8557			
2 - 4 June	Queens Birthday S E Ruapehu	\$30	Map: BJ34
A Party Leave from Ohakune Roadend and go anticlockwise to Tukino or Waihohonu Roadend, staying at Mangaheuheu and Rangipo Huts B Party Based in Ohakune to do day trips. Blythe Hut (past the Waitonga Falls) and return via Blythe Track, Tom's Garden, Mangawhero Walkway and the Horopito end of Old Coach Road are all possibilities. On the Monday we will walk the Waihohonu Track to meet the A party. Organisers: A John Montgomerie 877 7358 B Glenda Hooper 877 4183 Driver: David Blake			
6 June Wed	Tramp Gold Creek Ridge - Ruahines	\$15	Map: BL36
From Hall's farm, a sheltered walk through very nice bush. Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 5935			
13 June Wed	Cycle the Apley Road Circuit		
Through the picturesque Dartmoor and Puketapu areas. Organiser: Alasdair Shaw Ph 877 6225.			

17 June	Parks Peak Hut - Ruahines	\$15	Map: BK37
Up Sentry Box spur and along through the beech forest to Parks Peak Hut; out the same way or via Golden Crown for those wishing to cover more distance.			
Organiser: Susan Lopdell 844 6697		Driver: Christine Hardie	
20 June Wed	Tramp to Bell Rock in the Maungaharuru Range	\$15	Map:
Organiser: Bobby Couchman Ph 877 8557			
27 June Wed	Cycle Marion's Mystery Trip		
Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 5935			
30 June - 1 July	Barlow Track – Ruahines	\$15	Maps: BK36 & BK37
Leave at midday and walk three hours up the Makaroro River from Yeoman's Mill to stay at Barlow Hut for the night. Come out on the overland track from Barlow Hut to Parks Peak track clearing as we go.			
Organiser: Mike Lusk Ph 877 8728			
4 July Wed	Beach Walk at Waimarama		
Organiser: Keith Thomson Ph 877 5391			
11 July Wed	Cycle Te Aute Road, Havelock North to Camp David		
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656			
15 July	Daphne Track - Longview – Awatere, Ruahine Range	\$15	Map: BL36
Up the Daphne Track from Kashmir Road to top of range the head south to Longview Hut. Return down the Makaretu Stream to Awatere Hut and out to Moorcock Saddle			
Organisers: Des Smith Ph 878 4043 and Mark Hutchinson Ph 878 2360			
Driver: Lex Smith			
18 - 19 July	Birthday Boys (& Girls) Bash – Robson Lodge		
Annual social occasion to celebrate the winter birthdays - opportunities to go on day walks and waltzes.			
Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322.			
25 July Wed	Cycle Ride in Central Hawke's Bay		
Organiser: Christine Turner Ph 06 857 5227.			
28 - 29 July	Whirinaki	\$25	Maps: BG38
Leave from Pine Milling Road and tramp to either Upper Whirinaki Hut or Central Whirinaki Hut (leader's choice) via the caves. On Sunday return along same route.			
Organiser: Christine Snook Ph 835 7456		Driver: Lex Smith	
1 Aug Wed	Tramp Boundary Stream		
Investigate the surrounding area as well.			
Organiser: Raewyn Ricketts Ph 877 9377			
8 Aug Wed	Cycle the Tour of the Bays		
A circuit from Kay Ward's farm in Raukawa Road.			
Organiser: Judy McBride Ph 876 9756			
12 Aug	Hogget via Boyds Bush - Kawekas	\$15	Maps: BJ36 & BJ37
Return trip to the Hogget via Boyds Bush and Timahanga Station off the Napier-Taihape Road (permission tba).			
Organiser: Glenda Hooper Ph 877 4183		Driver: Christine Hardie	

15 Aug Wed Tramp the Puketitiri Park Reserves.

Organiser: Marjorie Musson Ph 878 8279

22 Aug Wed Cycle Pakowhai Park / EIT / Puketitiri Road

Lunch at the Puketapu Pub.

Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

25 - 26 Aug Makahu Saddle / Middle Hill / Te Puia - Kawekas \$15 Maps: BJ37

A Party: From Makahu Saddle, tramp to Middle Hill for the night. On Sunday come out via Makino Track.

B Party: Tramp in to Te Puia Hut for the night with a trip to the hot pools. On Sunday return the same way.

There is a variety of other options for both parties. A truck party could base itself at the road end and enjoy the Mangatutu Hot Springs.

Organisers: A Randall Goldfinch Ph 845 4913 B Mary Gray Ph 844 283 **Driver:** Lex Smith

29 Aug Wed Tramp Te Mata Peak Tracks – Havelock North

Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

5 Sept Wed Cycle Ohiti and Matapiro Roads

Back to the Crownthorpe area.

Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

9 Sept Three Johns or Te Atuaoparapara - Ruahines \$15 Map: BK36

A Party: Tramp up the Waipawa River to Waipawa Saddle then over Te Atuaoparapara to Armstrong Saddle and out via Sunrise Track.

B Party: Tramp up the Waipawa River to Waipawa Chalet and climb the ridge to Three Johns. Return via Waipawa Saddle and Waipawa River.

Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656 **Driver:** Christine Hardie

12 Sept Wed Tramp Black Birch – Kaweka FP \$15 Map: BJ37

Wander along to the Clover Patch and check on the grass growth.

Organiser: Garry Smith Ph 844 9931

19 Sept Wed Cycle the Aorangi Road Circuit

Start at the Maraekakaho Memorial.

Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

22 - 23 Sept Jumbo/Holdsworth Circuit - Tararuas \$ 30 Maps: BP34 & BP33

Leave from Holdsworth and tramp in past the Atiwhakatu Hut to Jumbo Hut for the night. Sunday return via Powell Hut. Easy option is walk up the Powell Hut track to the Mountain House shelter and then drop down to the Atiwhakatu Track and along trip to Atiwhakatu for the night. Return back along the Atiwhakatu Track

Organiser: A John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358 B Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697 **Driver:** Lex Smith

26 Sept Wed Tramp to Parks Peak Hut – Ruahines

Visit the lovely newish hut at the top of the ridge.

Organiser: Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590