

POHOKURA – Bulletin No 242**December 2012****HTC Committee:**

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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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2012 AGM Reports

President's Report

The report I wrote at this time last year showed twelve months of successful events within the club. A range of trips was acknowledged - from a few hours to a few days. Social events, club meetings, working bees and fund raisers came and went, all successful and enjoyable. The annual Cairn Trip was well supported and the photo competition produced some attractive images. The report could well be transposed to this year with only a few alterations in such things as names of destinations and a steady growth in the club's financial sector.

Does this mean then that the club programme has become routine and predictable with an orderly sequence of events rolling around every year? Possibly.....

But it also shows a club that is well-organised and efficient with a membership base of helpful and enthusiastic people. All the tasks that I listed last time have been completed equally well this time, some by the same members. I am happy to record my thanks to everyone who has been involved in every aspect of the club and we should commend ourselves for doing it all. Certainly, my job as President continues to be relatively painless; thanks everyone for contributing to this state of affairs.

However, not every problem in the tramping world is easily solved. While the club itself is in fine form, it [and all other outdoor organisations] faces some important issues. Last year I referred to dramatic overhauls in the Department of Conservation, not realising how soon we would be affected by them. The current direction that DoC seems to be taking is of interest, even concern, to all of us - if only because it is the guardian [on our behalf] of the public lands that are essential to the club's existence. Radical cutbacks in resources by government have led to the department struggling to fulfil its mandate. Not surprisingly, it is cutting expenditure wherever it can and we are sympathetic to their staff, especially those on the front line who are stretched to cover all their responsibilities. Nationally, the department is becoming more aggressive about earning money from the conservation estate with some proposals (such as mining consents or increased tourist infrastructure in World Heritage areas) creating heated reactions from the wider public.

In our neck of the woods we have experienced DoC plans via the DMF to decrease the numbers of recreation facilities it manages. HTC remains involved in consultation about these proposals although the process is in recess until next year. Over the last few months several public huts and tracks in the Ruahine Forest Park have been adopted by tramping clubs who will now look after them. Nothing new there for us! The latest FMC Bulletin has some important coverage of the DMF policy which is worth reading. We also face the issue of the Ruataniwha Dam which has just passed another stage of the consent process. Its construction affects access routes into major tramping areas and we will continue to be involved with that. Some serious things for us to face in the coming year then but, in the meantime, enjoy the summer tramping and another year of outdoor enjoyment.

Christine Hardie

Club Captain's Report

This year has seen the Heretaunga Tramping Club travel to the Tararua, Kaimanawa, and Pureora Forest Parks as well as Mt Ruapehu (twice), Waikaremoana and the Wanganui region. Although numbers have been low with day trips averaging 12 and weekends averaging 8-10, the enthusiasm to get outdoors is still strong. Our mid-week tramping and cycle trips have been well supported and continue to attract new members. The most popular trips have been Te Kooti's Lookout (24), Cairn Trip (22), MacIntosh - Kaweka Circuit (24), Waikato Walkabout (24) and the weekend jaunt to Ruahine Corner Hut (20).

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Club members have been involved in various working bees / fundraisers, namely the two E-waste collections, the two-day Hazmobile collection and pinus contorta pulling on Mt Ruapehu. A small group went into Kiwi Saddle Hut to clean the hut in preparation for recladding work to be done this summer. Howlett's Hut roof needs to be repainted. A summer time outing: any volunteers?

I wish to acknowledge those club members who volunteer to drive the club truck plus the trip organisers without whom the club would not function as smoothly as it does – please support them. My thanks to the fixtures committee – Graeme, Glenda, David and John for their tireless work providing a variety of trips for everyone. Special mention must go to John Montgomerie, Assistant Club Captain, for his support and knowledge which has assisted me greatly as Club Captain.

A new year is beginning to be warmer so dust off the tramping gear and come roaming with the HTC amongst the beech forests, tussock tops and river valleys we know so well.

Happy Tramping,

Susan Lopdell

Truck Report

Thirteen years on the road and 110,000km on the clock. All is well. A recent change to Road User Charges means that we now pay eight cents per km for RUC plus the ever-increasing fuel costs. All our other operating costs - tyres, servicing, insurance, registration, Certificate of Fitness (\$120 every six months) are increasing too. Treasurer Lex's figures give more detail.

At a recent HTC evening we had a Truck Information Session which covered most of the facilities normally carried. Soon after that session the water-heater insulation was burned out, caused by a failure to properly fill the heater then not watching it while it was heating.

Some reminders are appropriate:

1. The water heater must be completely filled (12 cups or three litres) before applying heat. The long funnel is used - after heating - to add cold water at the bottom of the water-jacket which lifts the hot water out of the black spout at the top. It can never boil dry because it is always full.
2. We carry two 20-litre drums of fresh cold water under deck LH rear plus a 20-litre drum for hot water. Note that they need filling before trips - this is not the driver's job!
3. An inverter in the cab provides 230 volts AC to charge cell-phones and cameras - you need your own chargers.
4. There is an awning which attaches to the RH side of the truck for wet-weather shelter as required. It is a team effort to erect and dismantle this.
5. The fire extinguisher is on the rear door for easy access from inside and out.
6. The bin behind the cab on the LH side carries snow-chains, tow-ropes, axe, shovel, awning, engine-oil for top-ups, wheel-changing jacking-blocks and pipe extension for the wheel-brace. Wheel-changing was not covered in the info session, but drivers know the drill when required. Drivers may need passenger help.
7. The First Aid Kit is in immediate view in the same bin, LH side behind cab.
8. Three portable Personal Locator Beacons hang at the rear RH side of the passenger space.
9. The book-rack inside the passenger cab carries lots of interesting magazines, books and current *Pohokura* with a members' phone list (second copy in the driving cab glove box).

Our grateful thanks are due to Christine who has done most of the driving this year in addition to her Presidential duties. The truck is our main asset and, with care, should last us for years yet.

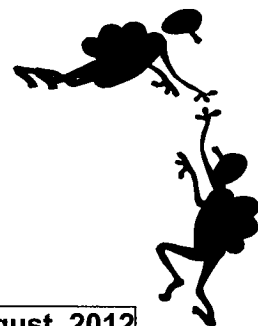
Geoff Clibborn

Treasurer's Report 2012

INCOME	NOTES	2012	2011
Subscriptions		\$ 2,583	\$ 2,513
Fares received	1	\$ 6,029	\$ 5,480
Bicycle Transport		\$ 90	\$ 22
Meeting Contributions		\$ 431	\$ 402
Donations			
Hut	2	\$ 3,386	\$ 530
General		\$ 85	\$ 61
Fund-raising	3	\$ 8,603	\$ 8,939
Interest Income		\$ 6,746	\$ 7,150
Sales	4	\$ 91	\$ 855
75th Reunion Celebrations	5	\$ -	\$ 2,565
		\$24,861	\$28,517
EXPENSES			
75th Reunion Celebrations	5	\$ -	\$ 11,869
Administration		\$ 296	\$ 408
Audit & Accountancy		\$ 260	\$ 260
General Expenses		\$ -	\$ 106
Donations	6	\$ 1,155	\$ 701
Insurance (huts & equipment)		\$ 932	\$ 869
Rent of meeting room		\$ 120	\$ 348
Supper & social expenses		\$ 125	\$ 726
Library & photo album		\$ -	\$ -
FMC Capitation		\$ 1,010	\$ 910
Pohokura (Bulletin)		\$ 901	\$ 945
Hut maintenance	7	\$ -	\$ 6,591
Subscriptions		\$ 57	\$ 57
Transport costs	8	\$ 7,009	\$ 4,077
Truck Insurance		\$ 595	\$ 595
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Telephone & Website		\$ 70	\$ 41
Depreciation		\$ 4,686	\$ 5,397
		\$17,216	\$33,900
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$ 7,646	\$ 5,383
NOTES:			
1. Fares up (regular Wednesday!) - debit fares \$150 included re 2013 Northland Trip.			
2. Hut Donations – One-off Capital disbursement \$2750 Motere Trust wind up.			
3. Kaweka Challenge final event 2011 profit payment \$3900 and 2012 windup payment \$794.			
4. Minimal loss due to mismatch purchases and sales. Includes calendar crossover.			
5. 75th Reunion – Income / expenses finalised in 2011.			
6. Donations - Lowe Walker Helicopter Trust \$905 and DoC \$250.			
7. Howletts Hut – 2011 new stove / coal / helicopter. No costs 2012.			
8. Considerable one-off costs incurred 2012.			

CURRENT ASSETS		2012	2011
Westpac Cheque Account		\$ 12,432	\$ 6,791
Accounts Receivable		\$ -	\$ -
		\$ 12,432	\$ 6,791
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Westpac	Term Deposit	\$ 15,544	\$ 14,912
	Term Deposit	\$ 24,513	\$ 23,426
	Term Deposit	\$ 13,108	\$ 12,460
	Term Deposit	\$ 13,798	\$ 13,225
HBS Bank	Term Deposit	\$ 14,615	\$ 13,911
	Term Deposit	\$ 62,064	\$ 59,016
Fixed Assets		\$ 5,259	\$ 9,945
TOTAL ASSETS		\$161,331	\$153,685
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry payables		\$ 250	\$ 250
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 250	\$ 250
NET ASSETS		\$161,081	\$153,435
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance at 1 October 2011		\$153,435	\$158,819
Surplus for the year		\$ 7,646	\$ 5,383
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$161,081	\$153,435
AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)			
I report that I have examined the financial 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 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 preceding 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 2012 and of the financial position at that date.			
W.A. Stacey.	A.C.A.	J.A. Smith	HTC Treasurer

TRIP REPORTS



#2191 Wet Wet Taihape Road

13 August 2012

The advertised trip was the Hogget and the weather forecast was bleak. However, I rang the farmer on Saturday night and he reckoned it would be okay so off we went along the Taihape road on Sunday morning. When we got to the farm gate there was a note from the farmer suggesting we didn't proceed with our plans and, as it was pretty misty and we wouldn't get any views, we turned tail and headed back eastwards.

We decided we would first walk through Blowhard Bush (most of our party hadn't been there before) and have lunch at the shelter before deciding what to do for the afternoon. The rain was heavy and continuous and after a one and a half-hour circuit we were back having lunch at the shelter resembling a lot of drowned rats.

It was at this stage a mutiny became apparent: no, they did not want to walk along the Lawrence to Lotkow Track; no, they did not want to go up the Lizard and no, they did not want to walk the walkway from Fernhill to Carrick Road but yes, they did want to get back in the truck and go home. So that is what we did. SLACKERS!

GH

Party: Glenda Hooper, Susan Lopdell, Paul Whateley, Susan Fraser, Klara Machulkova (from the Czech Republic), D J (from Germany), Peter Brown, Brenda Thomas, Janice Love

#2192 Puketitiri Road Reserves

15 August 2012

After a few cancelled Wednesday trips and recent days of rain the weather cleared and we were able to get out for a wander. This was a little different from usual: instead of going just there and back we drove directly to Balls Clearing – an hour up the Puketitiri Road - then travelled back towards home visiting bushy areas/reserves. So Balls Clearing was our first walk. This was a pleasant hour's wander with its wide track and a number of bush fuchsias near the track, their bare bark visible and glowing with the dampness. Many tall bush trees in this wonderful reserve.

Our next stop was at Little Bush 20 minutes further on. This small area of native bush is off the road whose edges had recently been trimmed and cleared. Many gateways were very muddy, probably from these cutters turning round. It was no different when we arrived at Little Bush – a Napier Forest & Bird reserve – but Christine managed to drive the truck into the parking area. We donned our boots again and walked the loop through this lovely forest with narrow walkways – well worth a stop.

On our return we filled the mud patches at the gateway with branches and small logs to make it easy for Christine to drive the truck out. Then off to the William Hartree Reserve where we first had lunch on the porch/picnic table of the Royal Forest & Bird Society's building. It was very welcome to be out of the wind with some sun too. Then off we went for our walk in this bush reserve. Starting off on the Kanuka Track, we immediately encountered the slippery uphill stretch but felt this was a reminder that we are trampers! This turned in to the Ponga Track until fallen trees blocked our progress. As this was just a loop track we back-tracked to the truck. All felt they had now had a good walk.

Our last stop was one not generally known or done – Weka Point at Rissington just before Omatua. The gully below the road is the site used by the Boys Scouts as a camp. Some were not keen to go further as it was getting late but those who did enjoyed a quick walk down and across the new swing bridge (donated

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by the Lions Host Club of Hastings and opened in 2011) that crossed the river: maximum people at one time is ten and, yes, it had a new feel about it. Our time now had run out so it was off home stopping at Puketapu where we had picked three up on our way out. A great day out for all.

Party: Christine Hardie – our truck driver, Janice Love, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Heather Stephenson, Colleen Smith, Susan Taylor, Jill Connor, Pauline Mahony, Gary Smith, Marjorie Musson

#2193	Whirinaki Forest Park	18 - 19 August 2012
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This road end (Pohokura) has been closed for quite some time. The improvements are great - no more major ford to cross. So why didn't you come? Come on. The best opportunity went begging. A number of phone calls were made calling for trampers to accompany me on this wonderful trip. We managed to set off at 7 a.m., a sleep-in even for me.

Pohokura Road is much better than I have seen in the past but still suspect for two-wheel drive vehicles. Some distance in, a barrier was strung across the road blocking access but a kind word with the logging contractors made it possible for us to continue on our way - for a split second I had thought our weekend was over. We then had to divert around another road to make our way to the final carpark. This took a little time but with Randall's GPS we managed to get on track again.

The nine of us set off on a lovely weekend into the most beautiful bush in Hawke's Bay. Morning tea was had at the truck before heading off on the lovely sunny walk. Two ladies (prospective members) joined us from Wairoa and we split into two groups at the junction. Six went down to Upper Whirinaki Hut for lunch then on to meet the other three who went on the direct route to Central Whirinaki Hut.

Lunch was had at Upper Whirinaki then it was on down the Taumutu Stream which is quite overgrown and has lots of wind falls. Most missed the turn off to Mangamate Hut because of the need to scramble over all the debris. Out onto the central track and, a short time later, we could smell smoke and knew we were almost there. What a welcome sight with the fire going and the hut nice and warm. Thank-you.

Lots of cooking and eating then a few went out to see the glow worms. By 9pm all had retired for the night. I wasn't worried about the time to leave in the morning so when I was asked I said, "Late!" (8:30). The place is so tranquil: blue ducks were observed, then a short walk done by some to take in the beauty of the place. It was hard to go and no-one wanted to lead the way.

It was very nice to see the Clibbornette going when the last of us arrived back at the truck for lunch.

Safely back to Napier, dropping the two Wairoa ladies at Bay View and Anne at her place. Others got off at Sue's place then the rest of us went back to Pernel. Thanks to Christine for driving once again. CS

Party: Anne Cantrick, Janice Love, Susan Lopdell, Susan Fraser, Randall Goldfinch, Marion Waugh, Judy Halkett, Christine Hardie, and Christine Snook (leader)

#2194	Middle Hill – Makino Huts / Te Puia Hut	25 - 26 August 2012
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A Party: With a comfortable 8.00a.m. Pernel "Call to Prayer", seven trampers gathered and sorted out who was going in each of two cars to do what trip. We left in one car and arrived at the Makahu road-end for the Middle Hill Track. Unpacking and loading up we headed off up the track; no-one else around but we did notice the dirty rubbish other people had hidden away around the car park. The weather was perfect with a blue sky and not too hot. Lots of chatter on the way as we had not seen Jason much at meetings plus there are two big hills to huff and puff up so it's a good excuse to pause and flap the gums.

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Our small group arrived at Middle Hill Hut for lunch and a look around. That previous week a workman had been working on the fireplace and the chimney had been extended with a top hat, the fireplace hearth had been raised and metal work added to close off around the fire opening. Floor vents had been added and it was all very neatly done. Plywood sheets had been added to the six bunks. Before we left, a hunter with partner had also arrived to enjoy the surroundings like us.

By one o'clock we zoomed off on the track and intercepted the Makahu track by 5.00p.m. Three deep stream-beds don't make this an easy walk in the park although the small stream crossings mean you don't need to carry water. Once on the Makino Track we turned left for the hut with Jason in the lead to get the fire going. He found two lovely tramping 'chicks' with the fire already going and water heating up. How convenient - every hut should have them!

It was cool outside; we were glad of the fire and company. These two girls were heading north to Boyd's Lodge and Clements Access Road. They were well equipped and knowledgeable about what lay ahead for them. Makino Hut is an older style six-bunk Forestry hut, well maintained with a veranda on one end.

Sunday morning dawned overcast but dry. The two chicks were up scratching about, packing and off, all excited. We got up in our own good time, breakfasted and packed then headed downhill for Makahu Road. We met David and Debbie Harrington coming in to look for kiwi. After an easy walk in nice beech trees we hit the road at the saddle and turned downhill back to the Middle Hill roadend, arriving about 12.00 noon for a hot drink and biscuits. We were back at Pernel about 1.15pm with all the excitement over having never worn my parka.

Party: Randall Goldfinch, Jason McKinley, Christine Snook, Brenda Thomas

B Party: As we did not have an official truck driver and with only seven participants, we went in separate cars for A and B parties. Three of us set off for the gums car park around 8 a.m. The weather was looking good for the weekend. The walk in along the river never loses its charm especially when the water is glistening in the sunlight. The traps on the way in to Te Puia yielded the odd rat but nothing exciting. I had the keys for the warden's quarters and our little group of three was the first at the hut. We had lunch and went on to the Mangatainoka Hot Springs – they were lovely and warm and we had them to ourselves.

I did some kiwi monitoring on the way but never found the a.w.o.l. bird I was after. We did take some numbers from the transmitter of one of our nesting birds just below Makino Hut - got a clear sound just by the swing bridge. We met a large party of Duke of Edinburgh high-school kids and some adults on our return to the hut. Also two overseas backpackers who work as volunteers at Hohepa plus a party of four from Helisika that choppered in. Plenty of company in the hut.

The next morning we were all keen to do a little extra and climbed up to Makino Trig, again in good weather. Still no word from the a.w.o.l. bird.....a bit of a grunt getting up, but great views from up there and an easy walk back down. We enjoyed our trip and the good company.

P.S. The a.w.o.l. bird has now been located by plane near the gums car park. I hope to pick him up and shift him back to Makino where he was released in April this year. Will let you know how I got on. Mary

Party: Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Mary Gray

#2195

Te Mata Park Tracks

Wed 29 August 2012

This was a follow up to last year's amble in the park and the focus was to use different tracks to reach the peak from last time. Constant rain in the last few weeks had reduced parts of the tracks to bog but some dry days and a recce a couple of days before allowed us to avoid most of that.

Good to have Geoff and Susan out with us making up a party of 18 as we started off from the lower end of the Tainui Reserve and then made our way through to Te Mata Park car park on Tauroa Road.

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At this stage Graeme called for a lunchette stop and, suitably fortified, we made our way along the pathways pausing to admire the views to the ranges. We arrived at the peak just on lunchtime. The weather was perfect and we found a nice spot for lunch before making our way back down the Goat Track and Redwoods to re-join the main track and journey back to our cars to arrive by 2 p.m.

A great and relaxing day enjoyed by all.

RB

Party: Christine Hardie, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Susan Taylor, Heather Stephenson, Penny Isherwood, Bruce and Christine Turner, Graeme Hare, Garry Smith, Bob Carter, Keith Thomson, Richard Waterer, Bruce Finn, Mr Lyn Gentry, Geoff Clibborn, Alasdair Shaw, Rodger Burn

#2196	Three Johns, Ruahine Ranges	10 September 2012
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The weather report said it would rain and it did. The report also advised that it may snow above 1400m and it did. We were told it would be windy and it was. With this information we could easily have stayed home in the sunshine on the lowlands but we were prepared for a day of challenges so we went. It was an enjoyable day.

The club infrequently journeys onto the Three Johns Ridge. I was last there in 1956 and it has to be more than 13 years since the club has been on this ridge from the farmland to the Three Johns trig. Our party of 10 crossed the Waipawa River and squelched up the route between the deer fence and the bush edge for 45 minutes until we reached the foot of the main spur. Here Christine, who had not planned to go any further, left for alternative explorations. Immediately we clambered across the major fault line cut that runs north-south and battled our way up the ridge through crown ferns, bracken, and lowland beech forest. The rain started too. Four of our team decided to turn around and they retreated to the truck then went via the Swamp Track to Triplex Hut for lunch. The intrepid five battled on. The higher we got the more defined the track was! Surprisingly we sighted three of the old orange disc markers that would have been put up about 50 years ago. The weather was yuk but we were moving easily until we started into the mountain beech / leatherwood mix. The team then quickly decided to turn around at 11:15a.m. when the track vanished. We lunched on the edge of the farmland. The squelchy farm track was even more mucky on our return due to the rain. After changing into dry clothes in the rain we gathered in the rest of the party at the Triplex car park and were away by 3p.m.

Our grateful thanks to Christine for driving. My thanks to all who came out exploring in the elements. Next time we might take the easier route to Three Johns from Waipawa Saddle. GRH

Party: Brenda Thomas, Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Alan Berry, Jason McKinley, Susan Fraser, Bruce Finn, Christine Hardie, Graeme Hare (leader)

#2197	Black Birch, Kaweka FP	12 September 2012
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After such a long, wet winter all the mid-weekers were looking forward to some warm weather tramping. Just to fool us, this Wednesday's trip struck snow all over the Kawekas and down on the farms as far as Patoka with light dustings spotted on Rissington roadsides! A spring surprise which made for a fine sight on a sunny and breezy morning.

We had planned to go along the Black Birch Ridge from Little's Clearing but the access road was closed so we used the approach from Lotkow Road which many of the group had not been along. The road is narrow and winding, and required some dodging of icy patches but eventually we got to the start of the track where a large sign has been placed with information about kiwi in the area. Not that we encountered much wildlife as it was still too cold for many birds to be flitting about. The wilding pines were looking healthy and even picturesque with their coatings of new snow – at least they provided shelter from the cold southerly. Graeme and Rodger had brought implements of destruction and had some happy sessions during the day attacking contorta saplings along the track. The rest of us uprooted seedlings as we went.

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The track in to the Clover Patch is in good condition although there is not much clover about nowadays. We made good time up the hill and had an early lunch in the warmth of continued sunny spells. Afterwards some of the group wandered off to the Black Birch Biv. Others went part of the way or lingered to deal to more pines. Rodger lopped a huge patch of them before heading back to the truck. The weather became more overcast and very light snow started blowing about with a touch of hail here and there. Most of it didn't land on the ground and we stayed in the trees so no-one even got damp. Back we all scurried down to the road where the snow had melted and permitted a quick trip home. We discovered that the winds had been much stronger back in town so we did well on the whole.

CH

Party: Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie, Graeme Hare, Marion Nicholson, Marjorie Musson, Sue Taylor, Bruce Finn, Pauline Mahony, Penny Isherwood, Judy McBride, Janice Love

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Tararuas

22-23 September 2012

Party A: Atiwhakatu - Baldy - Atiwhakatu – Jumbo – Mt Holdsworth – Powell

Holdsworth Lodge car-park was arrived at about 9.45 pm Friday night and was where the five in the 'A' party left just after 10pm, wandering up the Atiwhakatu valley by headlight, arriving just after midnight at Atiwhakatu Hut, settling in as quietly as possible with the nine people already there!

A family of six with four young children on their first tramping experience were very busy early next morning further exploring the area of the hut. We moved on up the valley taking to the river to get around damage on the track, then on to the bridge which takes the track to the saddle over to Mitre Flats, we however took the track up to Baldy Ridge popping out at the bushline late morning.

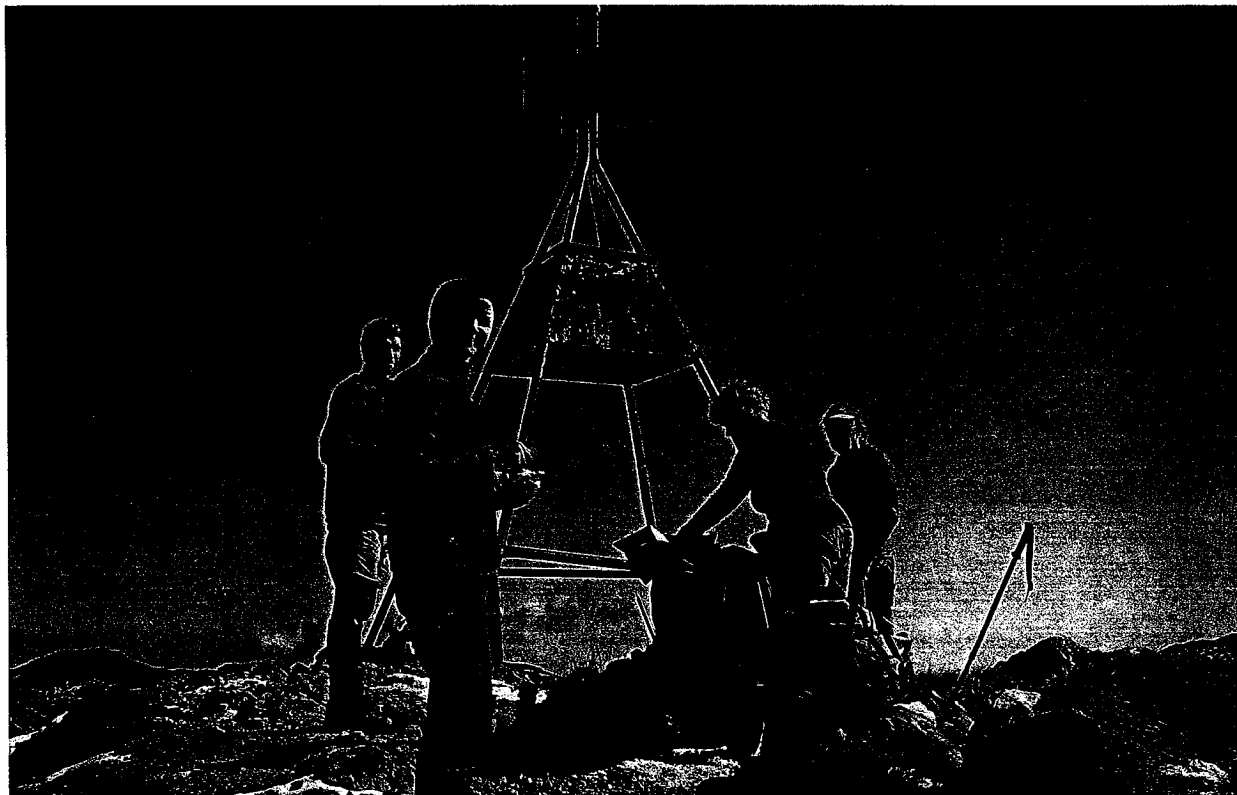
We had hoped to strike the main range and go south over the Broken Axe Pinnacles [a notorious and tricky pinnacle ridge] but the tops were clagged in, there was snow up there and maybe ice, and the party was probably not up to the task; we had taken ice axes and crampons and I had a rope and harness so were prepared! After a lunch while taking in the views, descended back down, retracing our steps to the Atiwhakatu valley and up the 'old' track up to Jumbo Hut. Anne was there first and only a couple of people around, but soon a group from the WTM Club and others from Wellington appeared added to by our five, so the hut was filling fast. Dining arrangements worked well as we had all finished by the time the meal prepared by the WTM Club's was ready – they had fresh vegetables, many fancy ingredients and tinned tomatoes etc. for their feast, couldn't be bothered with all that for one night! Great views after dark with the lights of Masterton, Carterton, Greytown and Martinborough all to be seen. A good frost overnight too and the track was mostly frozen hard next morning.

Away Sunday morning at 7.30 up to the main range, with great views to the Kahurangi Nat Park down south, Kapiti Island and all points of the compass. Next stop was Mt Holdsworth with a compulsory stop for more views but knowing that the clock was ticking as we wanted to be down at the roadend before 2pm.

On the way Powell Hut provided a venue for a quick early lunch, then the plod down [2 ½ hours] to the road end again by 1.45. After a catch up with Party B and the truck party, a quick change and then had to help Brenda to demolish a packet of mallowpuffs!

A stop on the way home at Pahiatua for a fill of junk or otherwise food, cleaning the food shop out of pies! Back at Pernell at 5.30 so was user friendly, considering we had come from the Tararuas. Many thanks to David for the driving as we are short on drivers, and I understand David, Anne and little Keri undertook some good distances on Saturday. The weather forecast was about the best you could ever get for a weekend in the Tararuas, but after midday Saturday and Sunday the tops clagged in but it was calm and pleasant. A busy weekend with pleasant people. JM

Party: Mark Hutchinson, Anne Cantrick, Brenda Thomas, Christine Snook and John Montgomerie



B Party: Arrived at the Holdsworth car-park and watched the A party prepare to depart in cool conditions on the Friday night, eventually getting to sleep around 11.00pm. Saturday morning awoke to a boomer frost and had a leisurely start to the day. Wandered past the newly renovated Holdsworth Lodge on the lawn outside and we all prayed that they would not be in the same vicinity. Across the bridge over the Atiwhakatu River then a gentle meandering climb on a benched track with steps, foot bridges etc through predominately silver beech forest. Stopped off at Rocky Lookout which has changed drastically with DoC installing a viewing platform offering views over the Wairarapa area. Here we met members of the Wellington Tramping Club, schoolboys who were off to camp at Totara Flats plus two other groups going up to Powell Hut.

From the lookout the track reverts to more of a normal tramping track, slowly climbing up the ridge to the junction where it branches off to Totara Flats where we regrouped. The gradient eased as we wandered through Pig Flat with views up to the main range. We could see Powell and Jumbo Huts plus pockets of snow left from the cold snap that had moved through at mid-week. Dropped our packs at the track junction, and went to see the Mountain House shelter and read the info board with the history of previous huts maintained on the site. Retraced our steps and set off on a little used track which takes you down to join the main track beside the river - Glenda managed several times to become entangled in tree roots, over-balancing and wanting to be closer to terra firma!

Due to adverse weather conditions in March the Atiwhakatu River track has suffered some significant damage, hence DoC's warnings on their website. Two bridges were affected: one washed away and the other had the ground washed away, undermining its supports. A detour is in place. An old slip has further slipped away with the track re-routed. We wondered how John's party had navigated these areas in the dark! Finally reached the hut after a five and a half-hour day to find a dad and his two girls so there was plenty of room for the four of us. Unpacked, had a drink and while there was talk of going for a walk, none of us went further than the toilet!

The girls found us fascinating!! We certainly were aware of their presence and towards early evening the four of us retired to our bunks to rest before cooking our meals. Sunday dawned another cool and sunny day; set off at about 9.00, retracing our steps alongside the river where we met up with Anne, David and young Keri who had walked in to meet us. Stopped off at the large picnic area where we had lunch, reclining on

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the grass and enjoying the sunshine until a large bird attracted our interest in the trees across the river. Wandered down to the riverside to find the bird was a large hawk and not the falcon we thought it was. Back at the truck at about 1.00p.m. and it wasn't much later that the others arrived. My appreciation to David and family - without them we would have had to use private cars. Once again the Tararuas were bathed in sunshine. Must have the knack of picking the right weather! SL

Party B: Maureen Broad, Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Natalie Berry, Anne, David and Keri Blake

#2199	MacIntosh Hut	Wed 10 October 2012
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Always a popular low level tramp and again the weather was most co-operative. An early start (by mid-weekers' standards) had us at the MacIntosh car park at 9a.m. where we met up with Bruce and Anne Finn who had stayed up there overnight in their campervan.

Alan and Bruce F, being of more athletic inclination on the day, decided to do the Mac Hut and Kaweka Hut site circuit and set off before us. The remaining 12 then followed and rapidly dropped down to the bridge over the Tutaekuri before climbing up on to the MacIntosh Plateau. Then it was onwards through manuka and beech forest over the clay pans to the hut – which was in spotless condition - where we had a most relaxed lunch break.

Alan had left a note for us at the hut with his time of departure which was over half an hour before we arrived. We eventually returned on the mainly downhill track to the bridge before tackling the 280 metre grunt up the hill back to the truck and our thermoses. Alan and Bruce arrived back at the same time. A most enjoyable day enjoyed by all and thanks once again for Christine for driving the truck for us. RB

Party: Christine Hardie, Barbara Phillips, Heather Stephenson, Pauline Mahoney, Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman, Marjorie Musson, Bruce and Christine Turner, Bruce and Anne Finn, Alan Berry, Garry Smith, Keith Thomson, Rodger Burn

#2200	Kaimanawas	Labour Weekend 19 - 22 October 2012
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Day 1 We left Napier just after 6:30 on Friday morning for the Kaimanawas via Taupo. I'd noticed an alert on DoC's website about the water tank at Waipakihi Hut so, after a pie and coffee stop in Turangi, we called in at the DoC office - John had been in touch and arranged to collect supplies and tools for the repair. The DoC officer warned of waist-high river crossings.

Off Kaimanawa Road we parked at the start of the Urchin Track and started out at 11:30a.m. in perfect walking weather. Along the tops of Urchin we were in small hail which soon cleared for the descent to Waipakihi River. About 15 minutes up-river we pitched the tent at a campsite, and the afternoon's entertainment was starting and tending a fire with mostly wet wood – well done John!

A fairly restless night's sleep thanks to a wee critter, nicknamed Russell, who kept scratching around the plastic bags in the vestibule!

Day 2 A frosty morning and more perfect walking weather as we headed for Waipakihi Hut. John left a staked note for the Auckland Tramping Club party which was supposedly heading the same way. Some obvious routes, some bush bashing and we soon lost count of the number of river crossings. A worthwhile side trip up Thunderbolt Creek to a beautiful deep pool.

Of note was the number of tomtits that appeared along the way. After seven hours the hut was a welcome sight but not before finding a knee-high bog pit. Happily there was one more river crossing between us and the hut for de-mudding.

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Fifteen bodies and a dog at a 12-bunk hut, so night #2 was in the tent. Eight from ATC, two hunters (and their very friendly black lab Molly), a couple from Taupo and a very kind Tasmanian who gave up his bunk for the Taupo couple and pitched his tent.

Day 3 Strong winds woke me in the wee hours of the morning. Then the rain started. It rained all day. With nothing to see, we and the Auckland mob decided it was a hut day and stayed put. The couple from Taupo and the Tasmanian decided to brave the conditions and walked out together via the Umukarikari Track. The hunters also headed out but came back in the afternoon empty-handed. We made a beeline for the vacant bunks and left the tent up, hoping it would be dry in the morning. Other than a few flakes of paint the water supply to the sink appeared to be okay. After discovering the state of the outside crazy plumbing, John stashed the supplies and tools for DoC to sort.

Another ATC party of seven arrived, and a further ATC party of five went past the hut and headed down river. The rivers were up so it wasn't long before they backtracked for the hut. More tents pitched and after dinner all floor space in the bunk rooms and kitchen became sleeping space.

Day 4 All parties headed out at various times through the morning via the Umukarikari Track. It was incredibly windy along the ridge tops. We descended into the calm of the bush and along the road to the Rangipo Power Station. Forty-five minutes of bush-bashing directly up behind the substation and we popped out at the car-park. After a fish and chip stop in Turangi, and a visit to John and Margaret Jones we were homeward-bound.



Party: John Montgomerie, Brenda Thomas.

#2201	Stanfield Hut	Labour Weekend 22 October 2012
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As the truck was not being used for the Kaimanawa trip and Christine was happy to drive, I sent an email round the troops suggesting a day trip up the Tamaki River. The result of this was that 11 people boarded the truck at Pernel and headed south on a sunny but windy Monday morning.

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After donning gear we opted to head up via a route that did not involve getting wet feet first thing in the morning - it was a steep hill but we eventually made it to the Holmes Ridge track. Up there it was windy but we were fairly well sheltered by the main range so did not experience the major gales the rest of Hawkes Bay was receiving. We followed the Holmes Ridge track north-east along the top of the ridge for two and a half kilometres before ducking down to the west branch of the Tamaki River and walking the last kilometre to Stanfield Hut in the river bed.

An early lunch was had at the hut to accommodate those who were to return via the longer route (up to the Takapari Road, along to Travers Shelter then down) but after lunch was had it became evident that no-one was keen to experience the gales up top for a non-existent view. So we all headed back to the truck again by the Holmes Ridge track, stopping for a rest in the sun on the way. At the southern end of the track we spied a couple of deer which stood regarding us for some time before disappearing down the side. We took the wet feet short cut back to the truck, got tidy and headed for Norsewood for a cafe stop. (Must have been the influence of the mid-weekers who were with us!).

GH

Party: Natalie Berry, Susan Lopdell, Bruce Finn, Christine Hardie, Chrissy Waldron, Janice Love, Penny Isherwood, Des Smith, Annetta Keys, Judy McBride, Glenda Hooper

#2202	Shines Falls Walk	Wed 24 October 2012
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On advice from DoC our original trip was cancelled due to slips so we opted for an easy walk to Shines Falls. The weather was superb and a complete absence of wind made this more enjoyable with the falls at their impressive best. After a camera stop we made our way back to the picnic area where we had lunch.

We then went on to Lake Tutira and a wander around Lake Waikopiro. What shocked our group was the very polluted state of both the lakes. Around the edges it looked brown which would have shocked overseas visitors about our clean green image. Not to mention many locals!

Our journey back had our usual stop at Bay View for ice creams then back to Hastings after a very lazy day. Thanks again to Christine for driving.

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Party: Christine Hardie, Bobby Couchman, Penny Isherwood, Marjorie Musson, Bruce Finn, Garry Smith, Rodger Burn

#2203	Cairn Trip – Kaweka FP	4 November 2012
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The Annual Cairn Trip to Kaweka J is regularly associated with poor weather conditions and this year was no exception. Forecasts were ambiguous for days but, in spite of the uncertainty, 23 people rolled up for the occasion. Not surprisingly, the Isherwood clan decided to return home, leaving the rest of us to start out in grey, drizzly conditions with poor visibility. Things didn't improve. The party was soon well strung-out from the bare-legged Heidi types speeding up Trials Spur to the serious plodders in the rear. Below Dominie, where we met the representatives of the Eggers family, the stragglers in the party were subject to a series of ferocious blasts from the south bearing snow in big flakes. Lots of food, drink and extra clothes were required to face the storm!

The President was the most reluctant to leave the shelter but was eventually dragged onward and upward through the gusting wind and snow, well behind everyone else. At the top we were faced with a new covering of snow on the ground but fortunately the wind dropped away. After an initial laying of the wreath we all returned to the plaque for a couple of readings, one a poem from Lester Masters and the other a more light-hearted climbing story about young men in the mountains. It is worth remembering that the men whose names appear on our memorial were very young at the times of their deaths during the war which makes it even more significant for us to appreciate the club's loss.

By this time the stormy conditions were reasserting themselves so we all hurried back down the hill to the truck where driver Geoff was waiting. We were joined by Liz who had been unable to fly up to the J as planned but was still keen to join us and add her contribution to the day. From the carpark it's a short

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albeit steep drive to Pam's farmhouse where we faced the challenge of the glorious afternoon tea. This annual feast of chocolate-dipped strawberries, sausage rolls, cakes and muffins has to be seen to be believed! Thanks, Pam and helpers Marion and Helen. The weather was stabilising throughout the afternoon and stayed dry so champion athlete, Ali went out for another run. The rest of us can only marvel at such stamina.

CH

Party: Christine Hardie (HTC President), Fred Chesterman, Mike Lusk, Graeme Hare, Alasdair Shaw, Joan Ruffell, Geoff Clibborn & friend, Glenda Hooper, Marjorie Musson, Garry Smith, Derek Boshier, Mark Hutchinson, Brent Hickey and German friend, Peter Brown, Janice Love, Rodger Burn, Mike Bull, Des Smith, Susan Taylor, Anne Cantrick, Ali Hollington, Kathy and Samara Eggers

#2204	Tukituki to Clifton Over Private Farm	Wed 7 November 2012
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Twenty one of us fronted up at Lyn and Lyn's house at Haumoana and were then duly ferried down to Black Bridge where the walk started. It was fine but with a cool, searching southerly breeze as we set off up the stopbank alongside the Tukituki River heading towards Moore Road. After a pleasant enough 6km amble along the cycle way we duly arrived at Moore Road to be greeted by Mr Lyn and their motorhome with a morning tea spread out resplendently alongside it. After scoffing scones and buckets of tea we then left Mrs Lyn to clear up the mess and Mr Lyn headed us off up Moore Road to turn right onto Tukituki Road. A few hundred metres later it was left and over a gate onto a private farm road which headed upwards. Heather Shaw then led us up this hill to the top where we were rewarded with views of the countryside from inland to the Te Awanga/Clifton coast. This was all land that had once been owned by Bill Shaw and covered a very large hectareage indeed. Spectacular, rugged green hills spread before us and brought the eye to views of Te Mata range, Mt Erin, Mt Kahuranaki and Craggy Range.



Heather led us on to a lunch break spot in the lee of a sloping hill which sheltered us from the still fresh southerly and had a view of an adjacent pine forest. After lunch we set off again into a cold rain shower, which although not too long-lasting, managed to soak us and chill exposed extremities. Once the rain stopped we soon warmed up again. We continued along ridges, and up and down gullies until at a high point we had a fine view of the coast all the way up to Napier Bluff and, indeed, further if the rain hadn't screened it. Now we started descending and enjoyed further views over Te Awanga and Clifton, and out to sea. Heather took us down to the grand old station house where she and Bill live, enabling us to delight in

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the beautiful gardens that they have created and which surround the house. Bidding farewell to Heather and thanking her for the opportunity to have made this walk on private land, we carried on down to the Clifton Road and then walked through Clearview Vineyard up to Parkhill Road and back to Lyn and Lyn's residence. A most enjoyable day of just over six hours with a good five hours spent walking. RW

Party: Mary Van Panhuys, Marjoleine Turel, Christine Hardie, Bobby Couchman, Penny Isherwood, Viv and Richard Waterer, Heather Stephenson, Marion Nicholson, Marjorie Musson, Raewyn Ricketts, Garry Smith, Rodger Burn, Bruce Finn, Lyn and Lyn Gentry, Judy McBride, Heather King, Alasdair Shaw, Katherine Wakefield, John Owen, Heather Shaw

#2205	Tramp around HB Reserves	Wed 21 November 2012
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Again a change of revue brought on by circumstances so we elected to do a tour of the CHB reserves and walkways. It was only afterwards that I noticed that my DoC booklet with descriptions and directions was a 1995 print!! At short notice 10 of us went to the various reserves only to find that the first two in the Wakarara Road area were fenced-off with no pathways. After a long circuit we had more success at the Inglis Scenic Reserve before heading off to the Monckton Reserve where we had lunch and a 60-minute walk through magnificent bush and forest with totora, matai and kahikatea.

On the way back we stopped at the Peka Peka Swamp Reserve and were most impressed at the tracks, boardwalks, information boards and reclamation done by the various groups involved. An interesting day.

Party: Bobby Couchman, Cathy Wakeford, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Christine Hardie, Penny Isherwood, Margaret Graham, Marjorie Musson, Brent Hickey, Rodger Burn

#2206	Waikaou Gorge	25 November 2012
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Drove to Opouahi Station, dropped off a party of six who were traversing the upper and lower gorge and retraced our route to stop on the roadside near the station's airstrip. Instead of going on my usual route dropping into the gorge, we walked across farmland for 2 kms, clambered over/through a barbed wire fence finding a track through the kanuka. We had to be vigilant as there were tomos on either side of the track and as we entered an open area close to the stream we heard voices and found out later it was the other group, they were in the process of climbing around a waterfall. The gorge is renowned for the limestone boulders and rock faces with stagactites/stagamites and it was a good opportunity for the obligatory photo shots. We continued to weave our way towards the stream and in doing so found it was impossible to enter the gorge stream due to waterfalls or steep drop-offs, so backtracked to a grassy clearing to have lunch.

Followed a well-defined track which led us back onto farmland and we walked along the road to Lake Opouahi. Some decided to walk to the Blue lake and lower end of the gorge, whilst 3 did the Thomas bush track of three hours-even though we were in bush, it was very hot and humid. Everyone was back at the truck by 4.15pm after an enjoyable outing despite some not doing the intended route.

Party: Des Smith, Paul Whately, Janet Titchener, Penny Isherwood, Marjorie Musson, Marion Nicholson, Geoff Clibborn, Susan Lopdell, Fred Chesterman, David Blake, Christine Snook, Alan Peterson, Glenda Hooper, Andy Fowler and Lee.

From the Archives	Fifty Years Ago
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Alan Berry led 13 members on a weekend trip in the Ruahine Range, Sept 1962.

The snowline had receded to the high tops earlier than usual this spring but we had hopes that enough would remain to provide good conditions for a Sawtooth crossing. We took the overland route from Mill Farm to avoid the wearisome splash up the river and duly arrived at Central Tuki Hut a little after midday.

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Lunch was prolonged on account of a stubborn fire but we eventually got away at 1:45. Light rain was falling as we crossed the river on a fallen tree trunk at the foot of Daphne Spur. The showers of rain turned to sleet and light snow above the bushline, coating the snowgrass with a mantle of frozen barbs just waiting to tear a passing pair of legs. We dribbled into the hut over an extended period, the door closing on the last arrival at 4:15pm (5¾ hours from Mill Farm). The hut itself has been greatly improved by the alterations carried out by the Manawatu Tramping Club.

Prospects for a fine day on the morrow did not look very bright on Saturday night and looked distinctly dim at 3:45 a.m. on Sunday when a head was poked outdoors for a weather report. Light snow was still sifting down so back to the sack for another 2½ hours.

The fire would at no stage yield to even the most subtle tempting and, at best, would raise only a lethargic glow for a few moments. Fortunately, this the mechanical age and primuses provided the answer to our cooking problems. And so it was that most of the party were off to Tiraha by 8 a.m. There was no thought of doing the round trip but the climb to Tiraha could be worthwhile if the mists lifted. They didn't but the morning was not wasted as we made use of some of the better snow on the slopes of Tiraha for a little snow-craft practice. The cloud cleared later to allow the rearguard a glimpse of Sawtooth and Ohuinga, and we were all back in the hut for lunch.

We slithered down Daphne, sloshed down the river, struggled up the final hill and there we were – back where we started!

HTC BIKE TRIPS



Old Tour of the Bay Course

Wed 8 August 2012

This ride left from Kay Ward's farm on Raukawa Road with a pick-up at Royston Hospital. We left in good weather and cycling conditions down Raukawa Road where I was delayed by a blow-out. I returned to base to fix it while the rest went along SH50 to Valley Rd and then to Raukawa Hall where I met them at the lunchette stop. Proceeded along Ruakawa Road back to Kay's place where a proper lunch was had, overlooking the beautiful countryside. Many thanks to Kay for hosting us. JH

Cyclists: Graeme Hare, Christine Hardie, Jim Hewes, Richard Waterer, Bobby Couchman, Lyn Gentry, Peggy Gulliver, Garry Smith, Alasdair Shaw.

Ohiti and Matapiro Roads

Wed 5 September 2012

Good weather, fine and dry, but, oh dear, so windy. These are the conditions that greeted a hardy group of cyclists who lined up at the Ohiti Road turnoff and pedalled into a freshening NW wind. On this particular ride, which is part of the new "Tour of the Bay" 50km cycle course, there are two particular hills that give cyclists grief and pain. Most of us ended up walking up the latter stages of these hills, made all the more difficult by the strong wind. There was no respite from the wind even on the sheltered stages and all we could do was dream of the return journey. This area of the Bay is quite beautiful with several vineyards and sheep/cattle farms along the way. Our original plan was to pedal past Matapiro Station up to the old church further up the road. However due to the openness of the countryside along Matapiro Road and the wild winds, most of us abandoned this plan. Lunch was had in a sheltered spot on Ohiti Road while watching a farmer feed out his hungry cattle. The journey back to the cars was almost a doddle with the wind blowing us along. A good day but oh, that wind..... JH

Cyclists: Christine Hardie, Garry Smith, Marjorie Musson, Graeme Hare, Joan Ruffell, Penny Isherwood, Marion Nicholson, Lyn Gentry, Pam Pike, Peggy Gulliver, Richard Waterer, Alasdair Shaw, Rodger Burn

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Aorangi Road

Wed 19 September 2012

At the civilized hour of 9:30a.m. on a clear, cool and light-wind day a keen group set out from the Maraekakaho War Memorial on a 33km jaunt. After a couple of kilometres on flat roads we met the first of four short sharp hills which slowed us down a bit and stopped some of the chatter. The views of the snow-capped Ruahine Ranges were great and soon, without too much difficulty, we arrived at the end of Aorangi Road where we had a decent smoko stop.

The return was much simpler and quicker with only one decent hill to conquer before arriving back at the War Memorial for lunch and relaxing a while in the sun. A great little trip with no mishaps.

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Joan Ruffell, Penny Isherwood, Peggy Gulliver, Raewyn Ricketts, Heather Stephenson, Judy McBride, Marjorie Musson, Dick and Vivienne Waterer, Jim Hewes, Garry Smith, Alasdair Shaw, Graeme Hare, Rodger Burn

Trelinnoe Park

Wed 26 September 2012

For various reasons it was decided to abandon the advertised Parks Peak trip and go for something shorter. Eventually the organiser plumped for an outing to Trelinnoe on the old Napier-Taupo Coach Road (off SH5) as it seemed a good time of year to look at the 12 hectares of woodland garden and many of us had not been there for years. It was a dry day but quite windy in the exposed fields so we were happy to head for the shelter of the park.

The drive to the garden is very straightforward these days and we were the only visitors. The owners have now closed the café permanently [but the toilet facilities were left unlocked on this day] and an honesty box is attached to the wall for entry fees. The garden looks impressive and we were able to spend several hours wandering about. A large selection of magnolias, camellias, oaks, chestnuts, maples, rhododendron, azaleas and other deciduous trees still had beautiful flowers. Natives are not as showy but the rangiora flowers were especially prolific. Smaller plants were abundant at ground level and we stopped many times to admire various specimens. The kauri trees made us think of the dieback disease problems further north and we all hoped that it would not spread any further.

We had late morning tea on one of the sweeping lawns (thinking of the mowing involved!) and admired views northwards across the farm to the Esk Forest and the limestone bluffs down to the river below. Sculptures, bridges and water features are located at several places in the gardens – unfortunately the daffodil field had finished flowering. The labyrinth created some interest and Bruce walked it in its entirety on our behalf. According to the information provided that walk represented a life's journey and the space is supposed to provide a place for reflection.

After a leisurely ramble we regrouped for lunch at the outdoor tables at the café building. We then farewelled Chris and Bruce who were continuing in their campervan to the Mohaka River area for another day or so. The rest of us were happy to return home – a comparatively early day. CH

Party: Marion Nicholson, Rodger Burn, Janice Love, Penny Isherwood, Bobby Couchman, Bruce Finn, John and Barbara Phillips, Christine Hardie, Garry Smith, Bruce and Christine Turner, Stewart Hyslop

Hatuma/Nicholls Road, CHB

Wed 3 October 2012

Twenty-two cyclists met at the beginning of Hatuma Road just south of Waipukurau on a nice sunny CHB day. We pedalled away on a gradual climb up Hatuma Road, on to Ngahape Road and had a nice morning tea stop on some lovely soft spongy grass on the roadside. We carried on and turned into Braeview Road which is a 1500m stretch of gravel that took us onto Nicholls Road which is undulating at first with some lovely views. Then it was downhill on to Porangahau Road. The wind had been getting stronger as we rode

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along and when we turned onto Arlington Road it was quite a battle as we were going straight into it! We eventually made it back to Hatuma Road where we got some help from the wind and pedalled back to our vehicles for a picnic lunch in the sun. The distance covered was 38 kilometres.

Cyclists: Rodger Burn, Anne Cantrick, Bobby Couchman, Bruce Finn, Lyn and Lyn Gentry, Christine Hardie, Graeme Hare, Jim Hewes, Isobel Holdaway, Judy McBride, Marjorie Musson, Marion Nicholson, Pam Pike, Raewyn Ricketts, Joan Ruffell, Garry Smith, Heather Stephenson, Dick and Vivienne Waterer, Bruce and Christine Turner

Marion's Mystery Cycle

Wed 17 October 2012

This ride, which had been put off for a while, attracted a large keen group full of expectation (Peggy had only got back the day before from Oz). Leaving Pernel we soon arrived at the expressway roundabout and navigated that without any drama before heading in a westerly direction, up Ruapare Road and then through the Flaxmere suburbs to Stock Road. The wind was variable to strong and we were pleased to get to the Hastings Golf Club where Marion is a member. There we enjoyed a most excellent smoko in their spacious lounge with a nice view over the links.

On the new cycle path past Bridge Pa airport while battling a ferocious head wind; down Ngatarawa Road to the junction with SH50. Here we now had the benefit of an equally strong tail wind as we followed the new cycle paths which, with time, will more become compacted and easier to ride on. We soon reached Fernhill and lunch was had near Twyford on a grassy roadside. After that we enjoyed mostly tail winds on the cruise back to Pernel. An enjoyable but at times strenuous day and thanks to Marion for the organisation - worth waiting for.

RB

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Raewyn Ricketts, Christine Hardie, Bobby Couchman, Heather Stephenson, Penny Isherwood, Peggy Gulliver, Judy McBride, Joan Ruffell, Pam Pike, Marj Musson, Bruce and Christine Turner, Garry Smith, Alastair Shaw, Bob Carter, Jim Hewes, Mr Lyn Gentry, Bruce Finn, Stewart Hislop, Rodger Burn

New Route in Central Hawke's Bay

Wed 14 November 2012

Our planned trip was put on hold till next year but, in spite of a gloomy forecast, 13 chose to do a popular Central HB ride. After meeting with our resident CHB member, Christine Turner, at Waipawa we took off and immediately tackled the Onga Onga Road hill which was not too daunting in spite of a reasonable head wind. We made our way along pleasant country roads while admiring a backdrop of the snow covered peaks of the Ruahines before eventually arriving at the Onga Onga store where we enjoyed refreshments and a rest. The return lap of our circuit was quite cruisy, assisted by a decent tail wind and before long we were back at Waipawa for lunch on a grass embankment.

We were lucky with the weather and the trip (34 kms) was enjoyed by all.

RB

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Peggy Gulliver, Vivienne Waterer, Christine Turner, Bobby Couchman, Penny Isherwood, Heather Stephenson, Graeme Hare, Alasdair Shaw, Jim Hewes, Bruce Finn, Brent Hickey, Rodger Burn

Kayaking Karamu Stream

Monday 29 October 2012

It has been a long time since the club has had a kayaking trip. Number One ideas man, Lyn Gentry, arranged a very enjoyable day on the water when he set up a day on the Karamu Stream kayaking from Crosses Road in Havelock North to the Clive River mouth. We had eight boats in the water with nine paddlers, quietly cruising down stream in ideal conditions - a cloudy day with a gentle breeze. The Karamu Stream is now very clean compared with its state 50 years ago when it was a smelly, septic creek. Glenda showed us how to splash and play in it as she tipped into the water while getting back into her double canoe after our morning tea stop. Overall a nice day and something we should do again on another stretch of water. Thanks to Mrs Lyn for shuffling drivers and gear.

GRH

December 2012

Paddlers: Mr Lyn Gentry, Martin Coenders, Bruce Finn, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Christine Hardie, Penny Isherwood, Geoff Clibborn, Graeme Hare



Two Parties in Maraetotara

Wed 31 October 2012

The last time these roads were cycled it was a bleak, cold, wet day - nothing like the windless, warm, sunny conditions we had today! Twenty-one happy bikers left Lake Lopez to go up the valley road for Fred Chesterman's home where he and Marion had prepared a sumptuous morning tea. Thanks, you two. The eight who wanted to circuit via Okaihau and Waimarama Roads left first, riding in loose shingle for a few kilometres (especially prepared for the Targa Car Rally) and stopping for lunch at a magnificent lookout above Waimarama. The climbs back to Lake Lopez were grunty, as expected.

Meanwhile the thirteen 'sensible' cyclists proceeded up the valley to Mohi Bush which they walked through before returning down the valley to the lake. Both parties cycled 40 kms and we were all heading home by 2:30 after a very enjoyable day.

GRH

Cyclists: Mohi Bush - Christine Hardie, Marjorie Musson, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Garry Smith, Penny Isherwood, Mrs Lyn Gentry, Geoff Clibborn, Pam Pike, Alan Berry, Raewyn Ricketts, Peggy Gulliver, Marion Nicholson
Waimarama - Lyn Gentry, Jim Hewes, Rodger Burn, Dick Waterer, Bob Carter, Alasdair Shaw, Bruce Finn, Graeme Hare

Tuki Tuki Hills Road

Wed 28 November 2012

Our last trip for the year and one of the most eagerly awaited as Bob and Heather Carter had again invited us to their estate for morning tea plus the opportunity to have a look at the North Face afforestation. We set off from Summerset but took different directions, some to avoid the hills and others just for the scenery. None could avoid the last steep hill to the house but, amazingly, we all arrived at about the same time. The day was perfect and the vista from Bob and Heather's gardens was superb with views to the ranges. After a lengthy morning tea we spent some time in the gardens especially the gully and were impressed at the growth since last year which reflected all the hard work put in by our hosts.

Eventually and reluctantly we had to say goodbye and make our way home along various cycle ways. RB

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Pam Pike, Heather Stephenson, Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Cathy Wakefield, Penny Isherwood, Raewyn Ricketts, Marjorie Musson, Jim Hewes, Alan Berry, Alasdair Shaw, Brent Hickey, Graeme Hare, Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie

CLUB NEWS:

DoC Opossum Control Operation – Dec 2012 until June 2013

Land Area: Kaweka Forest Park on both sides of Whittles Road as far as Makahu Saddle and extending out about two kilometres; throughout Balls Clearing Scenic Reserve.

Method of Control: Feratox poison pellet baits coloured blue or green in plastic bait bags stapled to trees.

Warning Signage: Signs have been erected at various road entry points.

Supervise young children at all times within these areas or best to simply go elsewhere for safety's sake.

ITEMS for SALE

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

New Topo 50 Maps:	Approx \$5.00 *
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	\$5.00
New Safety in the Mountains book by Robin McNeill	\$12.00

*Orders will be called for at Club Meetings.

Contact either Penny Isherwood, Ph 844 9994 / Marjorie Musson, Ph 878 8279

Bike Transporters for Hire

Three bike transport stands that clamp onto car tow bars each holding four bikes are available.

For members only the hire charge is \$2.00 per stand per day.

Custodians are Christine Hardie, Jim Hewes, Rodger Burn.

At the last Annual General Meeting held at the Hastings Harrier Club rooms on Wednesday, 14 November 2012 the following awards were presented:

LEATHERWOOD TROPHY (For valuable contribution to HTC)

Club Patron Jim Glass spoke and presented the award to John Montgomerie

TRAMPER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Stan Woon Memorial Trophy)

Club Captain Susan Lopdell spoke and presented the award to Graeme Hare

HTC Calendar: Submitting Digital Photos

The following summarises my experience in putting together the 2013 calendar.

Criteria

Before choosing the pix, I decided upon the following criteria:

1. Pix must be technically acceptable: in focus, sharp, etc.
2. Pix must be crop-able to the chosen formats (3:2 and square).
3. Pix should be reasonably current (preferably taken since the last calendar)
4. Prefer:
 - pix that are aesthetically attractive (look good)
 - pix taken on Club trips
 - Pix that show the range of Club activities
 - mix of scenes, people and scenes with people
 - mix of summer and winter shots.
5. Avoid:
 - pix that are essentially single-person portraits
 - pix taken overseas and on private 'out-of-the-Bay' trips.
6. Use pix from as wide a range of contributors as possible.
7. Devote one month to historical pix.
8. Use a Cairn-related pic in November.

Comment

Although a lot of good pix were submitted, I had barely enough to choose from as many did not meet the above criteria. I had plenty of good candidates for the small pix but was scratching to find enough for the big pix. I had only one or two suitable for the cover. I could have used more pix of people doing things (other than sitting and eating) and more of huts. Many pix had no or minimal captions and I rejected some on the basis of my guess as to where they were taken.

I tried to spread the pix around the different contributors but even so, some had more than an even share of their pix in the calendar. Factors contributing to this imbalance were:

- There were only 14 contributors for 23 pix (not counting the historical pix)
- One contributor submitted only one pic (which I decided not to use).
- One contributor's pix were all overwritten with the date (so were unusable).
- I found at the last minute that pix submitted by one person had been taken by another.
- One or two suitable pix couldn't be cropped to the required format.

Hints for contributors

- Submit pix that meet criteria 1-5 above.
- Don't overwrite pix with the date.
- Leave space around subjects to enable cropping (but leave cropping to the editor).
- Pix with lots of sky or other relatively empty areas can be good candidates for the cover.
- Do submit vertical shots – they may be crop-able to square or even horizontal.
- Provide captions: place, names of people and date (e.g. month and year)
- If in doubt, submit.

Brian Smith

XMAS PARTY Saturday 15th December at Te Awanga Reserve

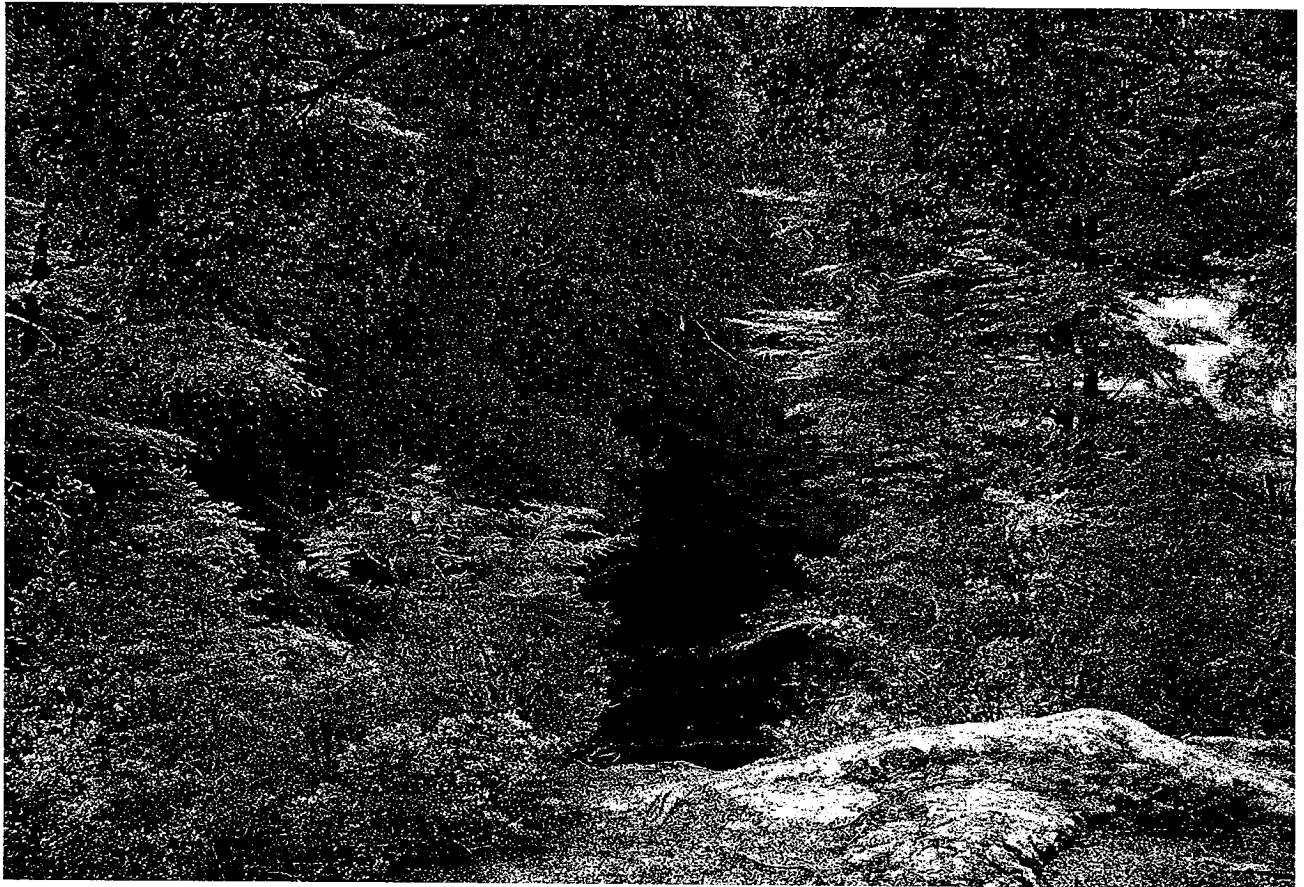
HTC Xmas Get-together will be held at Te Awanga Reserve (main road past the shops) on Saturday December 15th from mid-morning. Motor Homers will gather the day before; others can also go camping with them on Friday night if they wish. The club will provide ham and buns, barbecued sausages and sauce. Otherwise it's a potluck affair as usual - make it big enough to serve at least half a dozen people. If your surname begins with letters from A to M please bring something in the dessert line; if your name is in the N to Z section bring a savoury dish.

Hopefully Mr Lyn will arrange some entertainment of a sporting nature.

Let us know if you are coming so we can make sure there's enough ham: email Mr Lyn or Glenda.
If the weather is unsuitable we will put it off to Sunday 16th.

Photo Competitions Results – Wednesday 19th September

Category	Winner
CLUB CHARACTER (CC)	Graeme Hare
ABOVE BUSHLINE (ABL)	John Montgomerie
BELOW BUSHLINE (BBL)	Lex Smith (<i>Overall Winner; see photograph below</i>)
HISTORIC (HIS)	Alan Berry
HUT OR CAMP LIFE (HCL)	Tina Godbert
NATIVE FLORA OR FAUNA (NFF)	Tina Godbert
OUTDOOR LANDSCAPES (OLS)	Raewyn Ricketts



OVERALL WINNER - Lex Smith (Below the Bush-line Category)

Personal Contact Information:

If you change your mailing address, home phone number or e-mail address please inform the Club Editor Phone 845 0942. Otherwise, you may not get your Pohokura and we could lose contact with you.
If you want to change how you receive the Pohokura from a hard copy to a pdf contact the Club Editor.

Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

Coming Meetings:

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host	Supper Help
9 Jan 2013	All Members	Post-Holiday Reports and Photos	Rodger Burn	Brent Hickey
23 Jan	Guest Speaker TBA	Mystery Destination	Marion Nicholson	Paul Whately
6 Feb	Club Members	Overseas Travels	Anne Cantrick	David Blake
20 Feb	Bulletin Editor TBA	Black Robin Photos	Des Smith	Helen Hare
6 Mar	Club Members	Prepare for the Northland Excursion	Judy McBride	Brenda Thomas
20 Mar	Annual Auction	Spend Money for the Helicopter Rescue Fund	Mr Lyn Gentry John Berry	Heather Stephenson
3 Apr	Guest Speaker TBA	Something Interesting	Geoff Clibborn	Marjorie Musson
17 Apr	HTC Readers	Gems in the Club Library	Alan Berry	Randall Goldfinch
1 May	FMC Executive Member	Current Issues in the Tramping World	Graeme Hare	Pam Turner
15 May	Club Volunteer	Topic of Your Choice	Garry smith	Penny Isherwood
22 May	Brian Smith TBA	Tips on Taking Good Photos	Joan Ruffell	Mike Lusk
29 May	Club Members	Sharing Your Photos	Liz Pindar	Janice Love

Meetings Sub-Committee: Glenda Hooper, Raewyn Ricketts, Joan Ruffell.

We want ideas for club night speakers and activities.

Supper:

Put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy, and generally help Raewyn & Allan 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 7.20 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: 7 hrs+ 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>	<u>All items listed for day trip plus</u>
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 trampers please phone 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 2013



Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives and leaders 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

6 Jan 2013	Waewaepa Reserve – Makairo Track	\$25
Organiser:		

13 Jan 2013	Whangaehu Bush - Porangahau
Organiser: Mike Bull Ph 843 6052	Driver: Paul Whately

19 - 20 Jan	Kiwi Saddle – Kaweka FP	\$15	BJ37
Start on Saturday afternoon and tramp in to our beautiful hut for the night. On Sunday follow Mike Lusk into the upper reaches of the Tutaekuri River and out via Castle Camp.			
Organiser: Mike Lusk Ph 877 8328			

27 Jan	Hinerua Hut – Ruahine FP	\$15	BL36
From Mill Road cross the Tukituki River, follow up the 'Foote's Mistake' route and across farmland to Hineura Hut. Various options available in the area before returning the same way.			
Organiser: Mike Bull Ph 843 6052		Driver: Christine Hardie	

2-3 Feb	Cameron Hut – Kaweka FP	\$15	BJ37
From the Cameron car park tramp up the Ngaruroro River to stay the night at Cameron Hut. Return via Smith Russell track or via the inland river route.			
Organisers: Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697		Glenda Hooper Ph 877 4183	

Wed 6 Feb	Cycle / Explore New Local Cycle Paths
Organiser: Judy McBride Ph 876 9756	

10 Feb	Te Kowhai	\$15	BJ38
Drive to Whakatu Reafforestation Trust, Hawkestone Road, Patoka (permission needed). Follow the track to Taipo high point, dropping down to Gorge Stream and following it back to the truck. Another option is to wander up to Don Juan.			
Organisers: Peter Berry Ph 877 4183		Driver: Geoff Clibborn	

Wed 13 Feb	Tramp to Gold Creek Ridge – Ruahine FP	\$15	BL36
Start and return from Halls farm providing permission is given.			
Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322			

Wed 20 Feb	Cycle from Fernhill to Dartmoor
From Swamp Road, smoko by the river, up to Sacred Hill and return (safe parking at Fernhill).	
Organiser: Alasdair Shaw Ph 877 6225	

23-24 Feb Ruahine Forest Park \$15 Maps BJ37 / BJ36
Party A: From the bridge on the Napier – Taupo Road, drop into and follow the Taruarau River to Pohokura Outstation (permission needed); camp Sat night at usual site opposite the slip.
Party B: Sat - wander through Boyd's Bush up to the Hogget and return to camp alongside Taruarau River. Sun, swim and fish then drive around to pick up Party A, perhaps walking in to meet them.
Organiser A: John Berry Ph 877 6205 **Organiser B:** Glenda Hooper Ph 877 4183
Driver: Geoff Clibborn

Wed 27 Feb Tramp Parks Peak to Barlow, Ruahine FP \$15 Map BL36
 Start from Mill Road car park, go over the river and follow the Parks Peak track up to tops. Go along the ridge and drop down to Barlows Hut and back downriver to the car park.
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656

Wed 6 Mar & Wed 13 Mar
 No mid-week trips as most will be on Graeme Hare's Northland Nomads Expedition

9-17 Mar Northland Nomads \$350 approx
 Explore the Northland Region: Bay of Islands, Kauri forests, beaches, Cape Reinga, Whangarei, Matakoho Museum. Staying at Lonsdale Park Lodge near Kaeo for six nights, Orewa area for two Sat nights.
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656 **Driver:** Team

10 Mar Beach Walk – Central HB
 Walk from Blackhead to Aramoana, stopping off at the Te Angiangi Marine Reserve.
Organiser: Transport by private cars.

Wed 20 Mar Mystery Cycle (the sky is the limit)
Organiser: Lyn Gentry Ph 875 0542

23-24 Mar Maungataniwha Trust \$20 Map
 Join Mike Lusk in exploring and maybe assisting the owners with preserving this unique block of land.
Organiser: Mike Lusk Ph 877 8328

Wed 27 Mar Waipawa Chalet Hut, Ruahine FP Map BL36
 Tramp via Sunrise Track and return downstream through Swamp Track.
Organiser: Bobby Couchman Ph 877 8557

29 Mar – 1 April Mount Taranaki \$35-40 Map BJ29
 Leave Friday morning for Taranaki with options of around-the-mountain track or a series of day tramps.
Party A: Fri from North Egmont to Holly Hut; Sat to Waiaua Gorge Hut (5-7hrs); Sun to Kake Dive Hut (6hrs); Mon walk out to Dawson Falls (4hrs).
Party B: Series of day walks to Holly Hut, Ahukawakawa Swamp, Makatawa Hut, Waingongoro, Curtis Falls
Organiser A: Someone **Organiser B:** Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697

Wed 3 April Cycle in Central Hawke's Bay
 Go from Ongaonga to Springfield/Blackburn Roads and back via Forest Gate.
Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

7 April Ruahine Forest Park \$15 Map BK36
 Part Two of Graeme Hare's search for the old Three Johns track: follow the Waipawa River to the saddle, to Three Johns and down the main spur to join Middle Stream Track before returning to the bottom car-park.
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656 **Driver:** Geoff Clibborn

Wed 10 April Tramp Around the Guthrie Smith Arboretum, Tutira

Organiser: Mike Lusk Ph 877 8328

Wed 17 April Cycle the Seafield Road Circuit

Hills at no extra charge!

Organiser: Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590

20-21 April Pureora Forest Park

\$30

Map

From Western Bay Road walk into Waihaha Hut and explore the surrounding area or continue to Weraroa and out via Link Road.

Organiser: Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697

Wed 24 April Tramp the Lake Tutira and Table Top Area

Organiser: Marjorie Musson Ph 878 8279

Wed 1 May Cycle CHB

Argyll Road East and Te Onepu Road circuit with the great downhill ending.

Organiser: Alasdair Shaw Ph 877 6225

5 May Kaweka Forest Park

\$15

Map

Circuit from Lawrence Road to the MacIntosh Plateau; MacIntosh Hut and out over the metal bridge to Castle Rocks Road.

Organiser: Randall Goldfinch Ph 845 4913

Driver: Geoff Clibborn

Wed 8 May Tramp Over Another of Fred Chesterman's Farms

Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 5935

Wed 15 May Cycle the Tour of the Bays Circuit

From the Hastings Golf Club to the Raukawa area.

Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

18-19 May Robson Lodge

\$15

Map BJ36, BJ37

Combined weekend Heretaunga/Wanganui Clubs based at Robson Lodge, Kuripapango.

Organisers: John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358

Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697

Driver: Geoff Clibborn

Wed 22 May Tramp the (Realigned) Manawatu Gorge Track

Organiser: Garry Smith Ph 844 9931

Wed 29 May Cycle in Central HB

Organiser: Christine Turner Ph 06 857 5227

1-3 June Tararua Ranges

\$30

Map BN34

Party A: From Putara Road end to Roaring Stag Hut, Cattle Ridge Hut, Cow Creek and out via the Blue Range to Kiriwhakapapa Road.

Party B: Sat, up to Herepai Hut and the tops then return to truck. Sun, walk in to Blue Range Hut for the night. Mon, wander along old tramline and maybe the loop track.

Organiser A: John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358

Organiser B: Glenda Hooper Ph 877 4183

Name	Phone	Address
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Life Members

Alan Berry	877 7223	12 Woodford Heights, Havelock Nth 4130
Eddie Holmes	835 2073	24 Lighthouse Rd, Bluff Hill, Napier 4110
Glenda Hooper	877 4183	316 Te Aute Rd, RD2, Hastings 4172
George Lowe		C/- RW Lowe, 76 Poraiti Rd, RD2, Napier 4182
Jim Glass	877 8748	14 Plassey St, Havelock Nth 4130
Liz Pindar	870 0145	Station Rd, RD10, Hastings 4180
Pam Turner	876 8995	414 Lyndon Rd West, Hastings 4122
Randall Goldfinch	845 4913	4 Tukes Pl, Greenmeadows, Napier 4112

Active Members

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Garry Smith	844 9931	131 Avondale Rd, Greenmeadows, Napier 4112
Geoff Clibborn	844 6039	30 Kent Tce, Taradale, Napier 4112
Geoff Robinson	878 7863	605a Grays Rd, Mahora, Hastings 4120
Gerald Eyles	876 7074	409a Collinge Rd, Mayfair, Hastings 4122
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Graham Ede	844 8725	118 Kent Tce, Taradale, Napier 4112
Graham & Marilyn Thorp	845 2274	28 Hetley Cres., Taradale, Napier 4112
Heather Stephenson	843 9157	31 Logan Ave, Marewa, Napier 4110
Isobel Holdaway	845 4771	8a Surrey St, Taradale, Napier 4112
Janet Titchener	875 0805	44 Shrimpton Rd, Haumoana, Hastings 4102
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Joan Ruffell	870 1549	13 Albert St, Clive 4102
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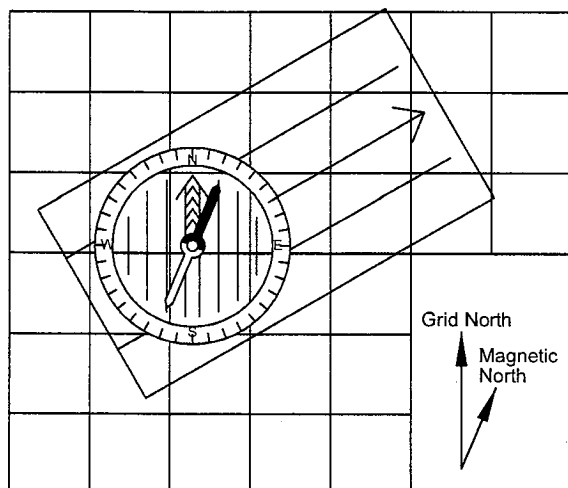
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Keith Thomson	877 5391	13 Hikanui Dr, Havelock Nth 4130
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Margaret Graham	021 2591201	21 Parkhill Rd, RD10, Hastings 4180
Marion Nicholson	873 5935	917 Rimu St, Mahora, Hastings 4120
Marjoleine Turel	875 1180	3 Tirimoana Pl, Te Awanga 4102
Marjorie Musson	878 8279	3/400 Nelson St Sth, Hastings 4120
Mark Hutchinson	878 2360	813 Ngaio St, Mahora, Hastings 4120
Mary Gray	844 2838	8 Forbury Way, Taradale, Napier 4112
Maureen Broad	877 1748	69 Napier Rd, Havelock Nth 4130
Mike Bull	843 6052	51 Liverpool Cres, Tamatea, Napier 4112
Mike & Ros Lusk	877 8328	158 Te Mata Peak Rd, Havelock Nth 4130
Murray Aitken	879 5253	605 Henry St, Raureka, Hastings 4120
Murray & Robyn Tonks/Heath	835 5228	21 Thompson Rd, Bluff Hill, Napier 4110
Owen Brown	835 3908	22 Nelson Cres, Napier South, Napier 4110
Pam Pike	873 8478	Villa 50, Mary Doyle Trust, Havelock Nth 4130
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Pauline Mahoney	844 1052	47 Auckland Rd, Greenmeadows, Napier 4112
Peggy Gulliver	879 7763	2264 Highway 50, RD5, Hastings 4175
Penny Isherwood	844 9994	49 Avondale Rd, Taradale, Napier 4112
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Rodger Burn	877 6322	5c Goddard Lane, Havelock Nth 4130
Ross Berry	877 7216	501 Burma Rd, RD4, Raukawa, Hastings 4174
Susan Fraser	874 3874	368 Kawera Rd, RD9, Okawa, Hastings
Susan Lopdell	844 6697	55 Waterhouse St, Taradale, Napier 4112
Susan Taylor	844 6032	651 Puketapu Rd, RD3, Napier 4183
Ted Sapsford	876 0405	804a Clive St, Akina, Hastings 4122
Tina & Andy Godbert/ Fowler	835 0064	16 Selwyn Rd, Hospital Hill, Napier 4110

Associate/ Honorary Members

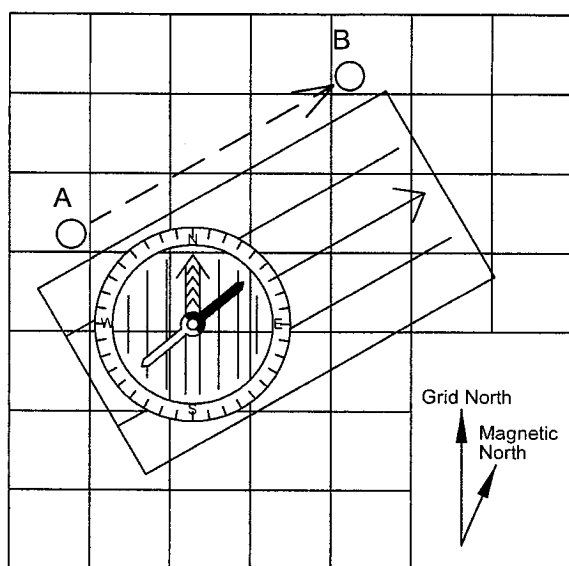
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MAP & COMPASS INSTRUCTION



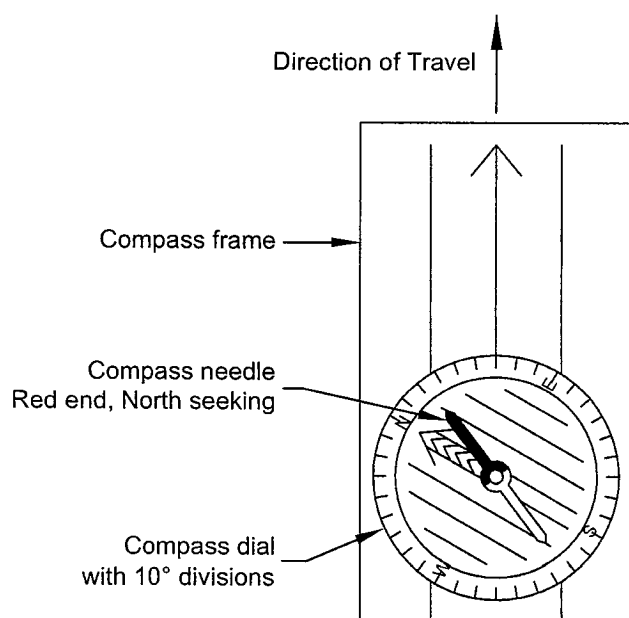
To Orientate the Map

- On the map place the compass with North pointing Dial lines aligned with the map's vertical grid lines.
- Rotate map & compass until the Compass Red needle points to Magnetic North or Compass bearing 23°.
- The map is now orientated.



To Set a Grid North Compass Bearing

- Identify on the map where you presently are & where you intend to travel - 'Point A to Point B'.
- Hold the Compass frame to the Map parallel to this direction of travel - 'Point A to Point B'.
- Rotate the Compass dial so the Vertical lines align with the Map vertical North/South lines. The Compass Dial is now set with your Grid North Compass Bearing.



To Travel on this Compass Bearing.

- Holding the Compass in hand with Red needle pointing to 23° on dial, the Compass frame will indicate intended direction of travel.

To Obtain a Compass bearing to a Landmark.

- Point the Compass frame at the Landmark & turn the Compass dial to Bearing 23° or Magnetic North then relate on Map as depicted in 2nd Diagram.

This instruction utilizes Topographical Maps (NZMS 260 Series) with a Silva Compass Type 3. Further reading & practical outdoor use is recommended.

Refer to 'Bushcraft' Mountain Safety Manual 31 by NZ Mountain Safety Council.

