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

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President's Report 2006

Administratively, the 71st year of the Heretaunga Tramping Club has passed smoothly thanks to the accommodating nature of my fellow committee members. In particular, I wish to thank Lex for his able hand on the Club finances ensuring a healthy balance at year's end, Susan Lopdell for effectively managing the Club's tramping activities and the ever organized and cheerful Graeme, our efficient secretary. Our outgoing Editor, Andy, also gets a big thank you for the well presented informative Pohokura he has consistently produced even under the most trying of personal circumstances. Thanks also to Lynette for filling the breach when I have been unable to make a meeting.

One of the highlights of this year must be the 15 new members that have joined us – this is a record, for recent years at least, and what is even better is that the average age of these new recruits is somewhere below 40, more than 10 years less than the average age of the rest of the active members. During the year two members resigned as they had moved from Hawke's Bay, two were deleted from membership because they had not paid their subs and our oldest member, Peter Lattey passed away. Peter joined the Club at its beginnings in 1935 and remained a member ever since. He was largely responsible for the design of Kaweka Hut, although a shift to Wellington meant that he never saw the completed hut until 1985 when he visited it as part of the Club's 50th jubilee celebration.

Several of our new members were introduced to the Club by other members showing that the personal touch works well. Others found out about the Club through the Club flier which has been distributed to various shops or listings in information packages such as at the Council's PRO office. Another means of finding out about the Club has been through our internet site which for the last 6 months has been receiving, on average, 80 hits a week.

We have had three major fundraisers in the last year; the hazmobile, the Kaweka Challenge and the clean up at the Regional Landfill and once again Club members have generously given of their time to boost the Club's coffers. Their rewards have been that we have a very low subscription rate, a free trip for those on the Cairn Trip and, even though the truck fares have recently been increased, they are still very low – aimed to recover just the annual truck costs and not the capital outlay. A dozen or so bodies also made a trip up to Puketitiri and helped Pam's family turn the vege garden into lawn and plant native trees in the clearing at the back of the house. A quick check on the work after the recent Cairn trip showed our efforts have been most worthwhile and we were able to sit on the said lawn as we ate the Devonshire scones and other goodies supplied by Pam and her bevy of helpers.

Many thanks to the speakers at the Wednesday night meetings – we have had a good range of interesting topics. The purchase of a digital projector this year has increased the variety of entertainment available.

Other than the Wednesday night meetings the year has been relatively quiet socially - with the exception of 36 members attending the Banff Mountain film festival and a 10 pin bowling competition against the Napier Tramping Club (which we lost) there was no other organized event. We are however, remedying this next week with a meal at the Taradale Club.

We are lucky to have a good rapport with the local office of the Department of Conservation and this year we have been given the chance to have an input in how the Kuripapango area should be developed – the resulting concept plan reflects many of our wishes, the most important being the recommendation to “investigate with the Heretaunga Tramping Club to erect a shelter on or near the destroyed Kaweka Hut site.”

This year we made a further submission on the “Walking Access To The New Zealand Outdoors” and we submitted on the Hastings District Council's Long Term Community Plan and on draft management plans for both the Kaimanawa Forest Park and the Whanganui National Park. Thanks to all who helped with these and thanks also to our environmental watch dog - Shirley – she will report later on the representations she has made on behalf of the Club and the environment.

Treasurer's Report 2006

		2006		2005	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Kaweka Challenge deposit		\$	600	\$	600
Westpac Cheque Account		\$	3,976	\$	2,021
Accounts receivable		\$	-	\$	-
		\$	4,576	\$	2,621
NON CURRENT ASSETS					
Westpac Term Deposits	Term Deposit	\$	17,157	\$	13,572
	Term Deposit	\$	10,494	\$	10,000
Hastings Building Society	Term Deposit	\$	42,316	\$	39,503
	Term Deposit	\$	9,842	\$	9,199
		\$	-	\$	-
Fixed Assets		\$	33,558	\$	37,447
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	117,944	\$	112,342
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry payables		\$	250	\$	956
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	250	\$	956
NET ASSETS		\$	117,694	\$	111,386
Represented by:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Balance at 1 October 2005		\$	111,386	\$	110,919
Surplus for the year		\$	6,308	\$	467
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$	117,694	\$	111,386
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 proceeding paragraph, in my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a fair view of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 September 2006 and of the financial position at that date.					
W.A. Stacey.	C.A. (Retired)		J.A. Smith		Treasurer

Pohokura

INCOME	NOTES	2006	2005
Subscriptions		\$ 2,533	\$ 2,334
Fares received	1	\$ 3,873	\$ 2,579
Meeting Contributions		\$ 417	\$ 466
Donations			
Hut		\$ 375	\$ 580
General		\$ 175	\$ 35
Motere trust		\$ 250	\$ 300
Fund-raising	2	\$ 7,989	\$ 9,301
Interest Income	3	\$ 5,121	\$ 3,754
Insurance Claim	Kaweka Hut		
Sales		-\$ 24	\$ 36
		<u>\$ 20,708</u>	<u>\$ 19,385</u>
EXPENSES			
Administration		\$ 311	\$ 302
Audit & Accountancy		\$ 265	\$ 250
General Expenses		\$ 165	\$ 584
Donations	4	\$ 353	\$ 469
Insurance (huts & equipment)	5	\$ -	\$ 706
Rent of meeting room		\$ 300	\$ 300
Supper & social expenses	6	\$ 1,310	\$ 531
Library & photo album		\$ 70	\$ 81
FMC Capitation		\$ 910	\$ 900
Bulletin		\$ 758	\$ 860
Training	7		\$ 450
Hut maintenance	8		\$ 3,126
Subscriptions		\$ 52	\$ 52
Transport costs		\$ 3,800	\$ 4,150
Truck Insurance		\$ 582	\$ 582
Equipment	9		\$ 207
Telephone		\$ 87	\$ 9
Write off - Typewriters (2)	Obsolete		\$ 177
Depreciation		\$ 5,439	\$ 5,181
		<u>\$ 14,401</u>	<u>\$ 18,917</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>\$ 6,308</u>	<u>\$ 467</u>
NOTES:			
1. 2005 - net of Ferry costs \$1821 included in 2004 accounts			
2. 2006 - Kaweka Challenge returned \$2000 less			
3. Increased funds on deposit / interest rates / timing of deposit terms			
4. Donation - Lowe Walker Helicopter Trust			
5. Regularised with Payment pending - period 1/10/06 - 30/9/07			
6. Includes member subsidy for club 70th birthday - November 2005			
7. 2005 - Grant to Michelle Burden - O/Door Pursuit Centre Course			
8. 2005 Included Helicopter costs / coal to Howletts			
9. 2005 - Crampon protectors			

Club Captain's Report 2006

The club has had a full and varied programme this year. As well as the local tramps, we have travelled afar to the Pureora and Whirinaki Forest Parks, to Mt. Taranaki and the Mount Maungatautiri Mainland Island. In February, along with the Hawke's Bay Amateur Radio Club and the Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club, we ran a very successful seventeenth Kaweka Challenge with 35 members involved.

Six of our trips were cancelled due to the inclement winter weather and hopefully will be rescheduled into later fixture lists. Day trips averaged 14 persons, weekend trips 8-10 and the newly introduced Wednesday tramps had an average of 8 trampers. Due to the increased costs of running the truck, fares have been increased by \$5.00, with the exception of local short distance tramps.

Training at club nights has been held, covering tramping gear, fire lighting and fire safety, emergency food, first aid and a video on river crossings. A map reading and navigation orienteering course was held in Te Mata Park in December 2005. We are hoping to include a Training Day over the summer for ALL club members.

A group of 4 hardy individuals, despite the rain, tramped into Kiwi Saddle Hut on the 25/26 March and cleaned the interior of the hut. A hut maintenance programme is in place, with Kiwi Saddle requiring painting of the interior & exterior plus replacement of the door. Waikamaka Hut needs the toilet shifted to a new site and Howletts Hut also needs another coat of paint. Without input from club members, we would not be able to provide ongoing hut maintenance for our three Club huts.

Due to family commitments, I have not managed to get out and tramp with you all over the past six months. My job has been made easier with the assistance of Ken Nugent, Assistant Club Captain and the Hut, Training and Fixtures Committees.

A plea to all club members, please keep the trip suggestions flowing, so that the Fixtures Sub Committee can provide a full and varied trip programme.

My appreciation to the Truck Drivers and Leaders, they are an essential part of the Club Tramps. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of the Department of Conservation and to thank the landowners who have allowed access over their land.

To all members, I hope 2007 will see you out in the hills, enjoying the camaraderie that is the HTC.

Susan Lopdell

Environmental Report 2006

During the year Lex Smith and John Montgomerie formulated a submission to DOC Tongariro Taupo Conservancy on behalf of the club on the management of Kaimanawa Forest Park. A submission on the management of Whanganui National Park was also forwarded.

We also attended the public meeting arranged by DOC Hawke's Bay Area Office held at Kuripaponga in March and in due course presented a submission on the Kuripaponga Concept Plan.

The club forwarded a submission On Walking Access to the New Zealand Outdoors to the Walking Access Consultation Panel.

A submission was made to the Hastings District Council Long Term Council Community Plan to improve Makahu Road and Makahu River access to the Northern Kawekas.

Boundary Stream continues to progress and develop. Early this year the first two kokako chicks were banded lifting the population to 20 birds. Kiwi are also breeding at Boundary Stream and twelve chicks have hatched in the reserve. The transfer of saddlebacks was unsuccessful as they were

plundered by an influx of rats. Boundary Stream as a mainland island is now 10 years old and the success of its formation is now being seen and heard.

Shirley Bathgate.

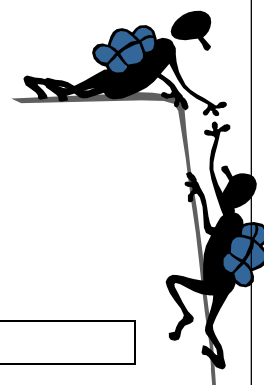
Truck Report 2006

The truck has now done about 65,000km, and should serve us well for years yet. We are averaging about 10,000km per year, and we can probably expect a life of at least 200,000km, but at twenty years old it won't be worth a lot!

Lex's figures show increasing operating costs, and truck fare receipts falling behind truck expenses, which has made our recent fare adjustments necessary after many years unchanged. The answer to keeping fares down is to keep user numbers up, but we all have a range of other activities and commitments which means that we can't always go tramping. The new fare structure, and enough users, should see the figures stay balanced in our favour, and ensure that our truck remains a frequent visitor to the road-ends.

Geoff Clibborn

TRIP REPORTS



#1965	Northern Kaweka Range	26-27 August, 2006
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The original trip was to go from Makahu Saddle up to the top, along the ridge to stay at Ballard's Hut and down to Middle Hill carpark. The heavy snow this winter made this difficult as the road to Makahu carpark was closed.

We left Pernel's at 6.30 after a crampon fitting session. After parking at Middle Hill carpark we headed for Middle Hill Hut and, after an early lunch break there, headed up Coxcomb Spur. The climb up the spur was the usual grunt with lots of debris on the track. Once we got to the edge of the bush we met the snow and high winds. We really wanted to carry on up the spur and get to Ballard Hut for the night but after the wind had almost blown some of us to the ground the decision was made to head back to Middle Hut for the night. The wild weather continued until after midnight. Middle Hill Hut has been improved with a generous deck and the door shifted to the north side but the open fire place needs replacing with a stove as we all suffered from smoke inhalation and severely watery eyes.

Sunday started with a lazy lie in and a 9am start back to the truck. It took about 3 hours as we spent a fair bit of time clearing broken branches off the track. Once back at the truck we had an early lunch and stayed in our smoked tramping clothes because we were driven to the blue gums for a hot swim. We were back at Pernel's by 3.30pm.

Mary Gray, Anne and David Blake, Jean-Luc Vachon, Christine Snook and leader/driver Alan Petersen.

#1966**Wharite Peak****10 September, 2006**

16 set off from Pernel at 6am with Geoff back in the driver's seat after a stint away. At Takapau we picked up Murray Alderson and at Dannevirke Dave Mulinder. Geoff took the Maharahara Rd off State Highway 2, Top Grass Rd then Coppermine Rd to the car park at the road end. We climbed out of the truck in light rain so quickly put coats on, got gear sorted and set off up the Coppermine Track which runs alongside Coppermine Creek.

We had been walking for about 3 minutes when Mike stopped us all because he had found a patch of Spider Orchids which we all had to closely examine and admire. After a further 15 minutes we came to the Wharite Peak Track which takes off alarmingly steeply. This quickly sorted out the A Party from the B Party and in fact the A Party weren't seen again until they returned to the truck in the afternoon!

The steep bit of the track took us through dense regenerating podocarps and when the gradient improved we found ourselves in a corridor of pepperwood trees. There was no wind and although it was still raining we were all coping well with the conditions, even through the boggy parts of the track.

However, after 3 hours of walking, we popped out of the protection of the pepperwoods and were struck by a chilling wind. The rain felt icier and we still couldn't see the Tower on Wharite because of the mist. 9 wise members of the group realised the futility in continuing in such miserable conditions especially when there wasn't going to be the reward of a view, so they turned around and set off back down to the truck. I felt duty bound as their leader to accompany them down and quickly appointed Mike to deputise for the others. He will finish this report:

We followed the A party and pretty soon picked up 3 of them who had also decided that there wasn't much point in continuing. But how wrong they were! Soon we could see the Tower through thinning clag and we were presently there, just as the A's began their return. After a quick lunch in the lee of the structure, as a brisk south-easterly whistled past, we set off for the truck, negotiating first boggy leatherwood, then the less boggy pepperwood and finally the long slide to the Coppermine Track. There we met outriders from the A's who had been further on up the creek both literally and figuratively. A quick change and into the truck and home with a minor diversion to the Norsewear Factory shop. Highlight of that part of the expedition was Murray's stunning purchase of a mismatched pair of socks for \$1. "You can't see them once they're inside gumboots"!



Ros and Mike Lusk

Thanks to Geoff for driving and to Phillip for the delicious apples and pears from the Pernel CA Store.

Party: Jeff Robertson, Marion Nicholson, Christine Snook, Alan Petersen, Ken Nugent, Sue Taylor, Janet Titchener-Bogen, Jill Beaver, Bobby Couchman, Joan Ruffle, Fumi Moriyama, Brian and Hilary Hebron, Glenda Hooper, Dave Mulinder, Murray Alderson, Mike and Ros Lusk

#1967**Lawrence to Lotkow****13 September, 2006**

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Another Wednesday wander and four keen ones set out for Lotkow via the Lawrence Hut. The weather although mild looked dubious but was fine for tramping, overcast with a light shower now and then.

We crossed the swing bridge and began climbing up to the lookout point where we were joined by two friendly canines who had strange collars with aials attached to them. They were supposed to be hunting but had decided to enjoy our company for a while. We later met their owner who had four dogs altogether. He used a radio locator to find his dogs. On our way out one dog was still missing - we left the hunter looking for his stray.

After meeting the dogs we continued up the stream towards Lotkow and were going well when we came upon an enormous slip that blocked the way. After several attempts to cross it we decided to call it a day and retraced our steps.

Upon arriving back at the swing bridge we came across the Napier Wednesday walkers who were walking into Mackintosh. We had a friendly chat with them and after the stiff climb up the road we boarded Marion's truck and headed home.

Another satisfying day with great companions.

Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman, Hillary Hebron and Brent Hickey

#1968	Howletts Hut – Ruahine Range	23-24 September, 2006
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The usual 6am start at Pernel for 12 keen bods ready to make a mark in the hills. The forecast indicated considerable wind and so we were not surprised to find it windy, but had hoped that it would not have been as it was - a gale was blowing upon reaching the ridge from where you drop down to Longview Hut. As five or more hours would be spent on the tops and it was very likely that the wind on the 'main' tops up at Otumore would be stronger it was not hard to change to Plan B!

We detoured north-east along the ridge to strike the overland track to Daphne Hut in quite uncomfortably strong winds - reaching the bushline was a relief! Then on down to the Tukituki River for a lunch stop in sunny conditions. On this trip we had a friend of Jean-Luc from Canada, Marie-Helen Bruneau. Marie-Helen had not been in a river before and treaded gently for a start but became quite at ease on the way back down.

Anyway, we headed up river to the track junction by Daphne Hut, had a short break, then the UP to Howletts. I think the lead got there at about 4pm and the rest up to 45 minutes later. I had asked the team to take up some fire wood from the bush, which meant dragging it up through the leatherwood track, only a few hardy ones did with the odd curse as it got caught up on the way in the ruts and growing leatherwood! The wind on the way up was okay but on gaining the ridge along to the hut it was still blowing hard - justifying the decision to do the unfortunate detour.

We had talked about going on to Tiraha and the snow but the enthusiasm had waned and so hot drinks were brewed and soon enough the evening meals were on the go. We hoped that the wind would calm down overnight so we could head out along the tops via Longview Hut but in the morning the wind was just the same.

On the way in on Saturday, near Longview Hut turnoff, some had gone to their packs to get warmer gear etc. Unfortunately Marie-Helen had left her new digital camera there and not realised until at Howletts! Therefore, when decision time came on Sunday morning, the plan was that some would go out down the Tukituki river, some back on the overland Daphne track but drop down to Kashmir Road directly while Sue, Jill, Jean-Luc and Geoff decided to retrace the route in on Saturday to check for the camera. The camera was found in good shape, but the wind was apparently severe and made the trip in on Saturday look like a picnic!

It is certainly not the first time that this trip has been blown out! I remember walking up Kashmir Road with the wind blowing stones the size of five cent coins at your shins!

The non river groups met up at the truck, and we river people were collected at Mill Road and so back to civilisation. Thanks to Alan for driving and for the group for putting up with the wind and the altered trip, the original route will be there for 'next' time. JM

Party: John Montgomerie (leader), Alan Petersen, Jeff Robertson, Peter Brown, Jean-Luc Vachon, Murray McIndoe, Sue Taylor, Jill Beaver, Christine Snook, Anne Blake, David Blake and Marie-Helen Bruneau.

#1969

Rogue Ridge

27 September, 2006

With hopes of a nice day seven of us set out for the Kaweka Forest Park with the intention of climbing to Rogue Ridge, but conditions were overcast and drizzly SO change of plan. We decided to go into Mackintosh Hut and five carried on to the Kaweka Hut site area and out to Lakes carpark, whilst two returned to the cars.

We had two new people with us. Colleen, who was visiting from the Coromandel and Marj, who is interested in joining us for our Wednesday walks. They enjoyed the three wire bridge and the slip crossing. They even enjoyed the slog out to Lakes carpark, pulling out pine tree seedlings along the way!

The two who went back brought transport to the carpark so we were saved the trudge back along the road. Not much birdlife. Some grey warblers, pipits and we heard a robin. Lots of rubbish across the tracks from the snowstorm but not unsurpassable.

By now a steady drizzle had set in, so it was good to change into dry gear and be on our way home. A long day but well worth it.

Joan Ruffle, Bobby Couchman, Hillary Hebron, Marj Musson, Peggy Gulliver, Colleen, Judy McBride.

#1970

Te Waka

8 October, 2006

We patiently waited at Pernel's an extra thirty minutes for someone who had arrived too early, found no one there so went back home. When she turned up again we set off (it was 6.30am and daylight by then). We fuelled up at Bay View so the driver could take the Glengarry Rd to Potter's Rd to pick up the main party.

In Alan's little talk at the start of the track on the summit of the Napier/Taupo Highway he told us that phone calls had been made to three farmers and we had their permission to cross their land on the intended route. He reminded everyone of rules on gates and on being mindful of stock as lambs and calves were still quite young.

Geoff and his two truck mates waved us off as we headed up the four-wheel drive track. It was a bit tricky to find the start of the track through the pine trees and once we were in the trees finding our way through a pretty smashed up forest to the transmission tower. Alan as usual led the way through the last lot of scrub and trees to get us up to the tower. As it was a fine day there were great views in all directions although a bit hazy in the distance. A little bit of wind but not too bad. We then dropped down to the farm track to head further south over the high farm land.

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The group then split up as Alan wanted to skirt the edge of the scarp to find a big slip feature he had heard about. Some of us headed along a ridge to a wind monitoring test facility that had been smashed to bits by the wind. Back to the drawing board. We also saw some picturesque tarns.

In Alan's group Ken got pretty excited when he nearly walked on two shrek sheep under a large rocky outcrop. They took off like wool bales with legs. There were also lots of goats (no not us). The scarp drops off very steeply to the west with spectacular outcrops, razorback ridges and very steep slip gullies. At one point they could see a red oxide coloured cliff where ground water had seeped out. This was part of the massive bluff feature Alan was looking for.

We all met up for lunch. Great views all round including down the Mohaka Valley into all the recently logged forest. We got to the southern end of the high ridge and scrambled down a very steep sidling into a peaceful valley with lots of sheep and curious cattle. Headed north through a saddle to a farm track which wended its way around a steep sidling overlooking Potter's Road. This track eventually ended up down by the woolshed and road where the truck party were sunbathing and playing checkers. We arrived back about 2pm. The weather was so nice and it was so sheltered no one seemed to be in a hurry to move. Spent about an hour just hanging out having tea and biscuits. At about 3pm got into the bus for the drive back. A very pleasant day.

The 19 who went were Fumi Moriyama, Marion Nicholson, Randall Goldfinch, Sue Taylor, Jill Beaver, Valerie Moratti, Judy McBride, Graeme Hare, Hamish Hunt, ring-ring Warren Harris with his phones and walkie-talkies, Murray Alderson, Rose from Norsewood, Mary Gray, Christine Snook and leader Alan Peterson with Geoff Clibborn the driver plus Barbara Taylor and Pam Turner as the bus party.

#1971	Oreka Station - Pukekautuku	11 October, 2006
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On a very sunny Wednesday, 8 trampers set off from Pernel at 8am and headed up the Taihape Road to Oreka Station. It took a few trips up and down the road before we found the correct driveway (it has an old rusty fridge for a letterbox) but we were finally ready to tramp at 9am. We walked across farmland, moving steadily uphill, passing a variety of animals - sheep, lambs, cows and calves, giving bulls a wide berth with walking sticks at the ready, and got to the top of Pukekautuku by 12 o'clock. We had lunch with 360 degree views of the ocean, Te Mata Peak and the snowy mountain ranges. Directly below us was the Tutaekuri River and Sacred Hill Vineyard but no one was inclined to go down and cross over. Quite spectacular views though. On the way back we veered left and moved into the forestry block that ran parallel to Oreka Station. We followed a very pleasant forestry track and arrived back at the cars at 2.45.

An excellent day's walk with lovely company. P.G.

Party: Hilary Hebron, Rodger Burn, Marion Nicholson Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Marj Musson, Keith Thompson and Peggy Gulliver.

#1972	Lake Colenso – Ruahine Range	20-23 October, 2006
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Taking Mike's vehicle as there were only five of us, we left Pernel at 6am.

The climb of 800m from Masters Shelter to the Ruahine Range took 3 hours. The wind in the open, half way up, nearly turned us back as we were blown off the track several times. On reaching the main range the wind had eased and the track cut, making it an easy hour and ten minutes to Aranga Hut. We lunched here in a nice sunny basin before leaving for Trig U at 12 noon.

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We trekked up and down 4 or 5 high points mainly on open tussock with magnificent views of the ranges and westward to the mountains and farmland. We reached Trig U signpost at 4pm where the ground was saturated with large tarns everywhere.

We dropped into the leatherwood to get out of the wind and have smoko, to regain our energy for the last haul down into the Ikawetea, up onto Potae, then down to Ruahine Corner, where we arrived at 7pm making it an 11.45 hour day.

Saturday we rose at 8am, breakfasted, and wandered to the airstrip and tussock, viewing high point Te Rakaunuiakura the Markirikiri Tarns also the “doline” which are funnel shaped craters in the limestone with streams running at their base. Leaving Ruahine Corner at 11am we lunched on top of Potae. This took one hour, another hour spent lunching and searching for “Powelliphanta” of which we found one live one and empty shells. A steep drop took us to Potae creek where the track was not cut and hard to follow. Reaching the Mangatera Stream which was good open walking, a light rain began. 30 minutes down we reached a fork in the stream, not signposted. Taking the true left fork, the track did a detour around a log jam from under an overhanging rock. 15 minutes up this branch of the Mangatera found us at Colenso Hut at 4.20pm. As more rain threatened we went and had a look at Lake Colenso before getting into dry clothes.

Sunday we left at 7.40am after seeing two blue ducks five minutes from the hut and one further down. We climbed Potae before dropping into the headwaters of the Ikawetea for lunch. Another climb up on to Trig U where Randall used the compass in misty light wind conditions to find the signpost to Totara Spur which was 30 minutes across the tops. One hour, 30 minutes later we arrived at Upper Makaroro Hut at 4pm finding it occupied. Standing in steady rain we decided not to camp out so headed for Parks Peak Hut. Sue Taylor and Jill Beaver who had just arrived went back up the hill in 1.5 hours, Anne, Dave and Randall did it in 2.5 hours, Mike and I in 2 hours 40 minutes making it another epic tramp. 11.5 hours for the day.

Monday, we lay in, leaving at 9.40am, took 2 hours along the range and down to Sentry Box hut where we took Sue’s vehicle around.

Thanks to Randall for putting up an aerial each night and contacting Graham Thorpe to get a weather forecast; Mike for driving; Anne and Dave Blake, Mike Lusk and Randall Goldfinch for their company on a testing but very enjoyable tramp.

Ken Nugent, Randall Goldfinch, Mike Lusk, Anne and David Blake.

#1973

Cairn Trip

5 November, 2006

There were 25 people to transport up the Puketitiri Road so 20 climbed on board the truck while Mike kindly took another 4 in his vehicle. We dropped Shirley and Helen off at the Whittle Road corner (they were walking to Pam’s) and continued on. At the saddle we found Graham Thorp plus Owen Brown and 3 of his family (including his 8 year old grandson) and the presence of Pam’s vehicle indicated that Kathy and Julie were up there ahead of us which made 30 trampers headed towards the cairn. The weather was fine and relatively calm at the saddle. Starting at 8.30 most of us made our way up Trial Spur although a group of nine went up Makahu spur. As we climbed the wind got up and just below the joining of the two spurs became very strong and gusty.

After a quick spell at Dominie, where we found Julie and Kathy, we carried on upwards but the wind got too much for the 8 year old so Owen and his family turned back. The last of us got up near the cairn about quarter to 11 so we rested in the lee of the wind in the “play ground” just north of the cairn. At 11 we assembled at the cairn, had the short service, took the photos, added the obligatory stones to the cairn and made our way back down to the shelter at the play ground and had lunch. There was still some snow up there and some of the group had fun sliding down it.

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After lunch a group of 6 decided to descend back to Makahu Saddle via Dons spur while the rest of us headed back to Dominie after which some descended Trial and some Makahu Spur – the last of these two groups getting back to the truck about quarter to 2. The Dons Spur party took longer and got back to the truck around 3. Once all were deboted and aboard we descended down to the Puketitiri Road where we made a left hand turn for afternoon tea at Pam's.

The Devonshire scones were delicious as were the other goodies that adorned the table which was situated underneath a gazebo perched on the lawn that the Club and Pam's family had transformed from vegetable garden the previous Spring.

Just after 4, fully fed, we made our farewells to Pam and headed back to town – the end of the 59th Annual Cairn Trip.

As there were quite a few people on their first Cairn trip I will background a bit of the history of the cairn trip (as taken from the 50th Jubilee Pohokura).

THE WAR YEARS



The war started for the club, I guess, on the Waikamaka working party in September 1939. It finished with the dedication of the cairn on Sunday November 21 1948.

As the war went on more and more of the younger members, both men and women, left for overseas. Those remaining behind had to curtail their activities due to lack of transport and petrol. Not to be beaten they started cycling instead.

Overseas, the Middle Eastern Branch of the Club was formed. The Club made up parcels and wrote

letters for those overseas while the letters received from abroad were published in the Bulletin (which was later renamed Pohokura) and this was also posted to those overseas. Thus contact was kept between club members throughout the war.

Once the war was over the members decided to build a memorial for the nine members of the Club who died during the war. It was decided a cairn on top of the Kawekas, at Kaweka J, would be the most fitting memorial. As one of the dead mens parents wrote in a letter to the Club:

"It was very fitting, I think to build the cairn on such a lofty peak; for surely the young men remembered, achieved the highest peak of service and sacrifice so that the cairn may well be an inspiration to us all as well as a memorial to them."

Later, in 1970, two more names (B. Woolcot and J. Cowley) were added to the plaque, one having been omitted from the original plaque and the other had died subsequently from injuries received during the war. (The other names on the cairn are: B Beechey, W.E. Boyd, C.L Bright, D.W. Callow, B. Wyn Irwin, F.J. Green, K McLeay, M McCormick, & H.W Meldrum).

Party: Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Mike Lusk, Ros Lusk, Susan Taylor, Jeff Robertson, Alan Petersen, Christine Snook, Geoff Close, Jill Beaver, Janet Titchener-Bogen, Robyn Coddington, Valerie Moratti, Jeff Oliver, Graeme Hare, Marjoleine Turel, Jenny Lean, Gerald Eyles, Joan Ruffell, Fumi Moriyama, Marion Nicholson, Maureen Broad, Hamish Hunt, Graham Thorp, Kathy Eggers & Julie Mercer plus Owen Brown's party of 4 and our Puketitiri host, Pam Turner and helpers Shirley Bathgate & Helen Hare.

#1974**Tongoio Walkway****8 November, 2006**

Five of us set off for our Wednesday wander to Tongoio Falls and White Pine Bush. The weather was ideal, not too warm and no rain. A very pretty walk with lots of orchids and native plants to look at. The two waterfalls were in full spate and looked very impressive. White Pine Bush was its usual magnificent self, although sadly D.O.C. has been forced to remove the toilet block due to vandalism. We returned the same way and as we had time to spare we decided to walk along the pathway on the sea front. Raewyn kindly volunteered to drive to the end to pick us up. Here we all had a well earned ice cream.

Another pleasant day with good company.

Raewyn Rickets, Bobby Couchman, Marion Nicholson, Marj Musson and Hilary Hebron.

#1975**Ruahine Crossing ?****11-12 November, 2006**

Looking back, a Friday departure would have been desirable and should be done in future, either to the road end for the night in the truck, or the 2 hour trip up to Rangiwahia hut for the night.

We left Pernel at 5.10 am Saturday, and on the way down through the Bay the Ruahines did not look at all inviting. It had snowed considerably on the previous Thursday so we knew snow would be there as altitude increased. I had 'warned' the party that it would essentially be an alpine trip. After collecting Murray at Takapau, Dave at Dannevirke and refuelling on the way at Fielding we got to the Renfrew road end. Without wasting much time we got away from the truck at 9.25am.

The track to Rangiwahia Hut has a detour about half way up due to a long but not wide slip/scree slope. After going through the DOC barrier to have a look at the 'closed' track it did not seem too tough but we left it alone – the detour is mainly through short Pepperwoods and rocks and is slow, so added another half hour to the leg into the hut. When viewing this slip from the top side, it is not very appealing, a slip while crossing would be a trip to the bottom! Some looked at a crossing higher up but wisely chickened out!

We all stopped at Rangiwahia Hut for a brew up using the installed gas rings, as the weather was cold, dull and showery and we were at the cloud line. Our last refuge for quite a while. The A party left at about 11.45 and climbed up the track to the main Whanahuia Range more in snow than not, with the cloud level lifting with as we gained height, quite fascinating. As we reached near the point Mangahuia the crud cleared right up and exposing all the tops where we were planning to get to.

We continued northwards and at times the snow was 3-400mm deep and a cornice had formed to the east of the ridge about 2 metres high. With my new toy, a wind meter, the wind was gusting to 70km/hr and at 2 deg C was a wind chill of near -20! The next stop was at the top of the spur down to Triangle Hut. Here we quickly worked out that, now at 1.30pm, we were unlikely to reach our objective to camp near Te Hekenga by dark as the snow would further slow our progress and the wind – coupled with the very unpleasant camping weather. The decision was made to go down to Triangle Hut and hopefully to follow the Oroua River down to Iron Gate Hut then attempt a crossing on Sunday via the next southernmost ridge system - up to Otumore then down to Longview and the Kashmir Road end.

I had managed to contact Geoff via cell phone at the truck to advise him of our changed plans - he had already shifted to the Ououa River road end. Well - when we got to the river it was a little dirty and up to about a metre deep and moving fast, not 'undoable' but a little risky and unpleasant, so camp the A party did, allowing all the B party to the luxuries of the hut! By morning, although the river had gone down 150mm and cleared, the preferred option was to re trace our steps (originally the B party was to have gone down the river). We climbed the 800m back to the top in closed in weather conditions passing through a large area of Kaikawaka's or mountain cedars of varying sizes and shapes - should have got some photos on the way down!

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At the top of the Triangle spur I was just able, via cell phone but with telegram type messages, to advise Geoff to return to the original road end. I had VHF radio gear but was not able to establish contact via the Taihape repeater.

We had a very unpleasant 2 hours over the tops, temp about 4 deg and wind up to 90km/hr and so a wind chill of negative mid 20's! With 50-100 m visibility and constant rain - of the very horizontal type - not your desirable Sunday jaunt!

We were very pleased to get back to Rangiwahia Hut to chip off the icicles and a hot brew. The stove must have boiled up gallons of water, which we lapped up in fast order. Lunch was had and I guess we left at about 12.30 getting back to the truck at about 2.30. Fortunately the rain had stopped allowing us to tidy up for the return journey. By mutual consent we stopped at Fielding in the fast food alley and consumed various delicacies to restore our strength, returning to Hastings at about 6pm.

Many thanks to our driver Geoff, and that he was listening to our calls constantly to know what the game was, and apologies for the weather we had to endure!

J M

A Party: John Montgomerie, Murray Alderson, Sue Taylor, Jeff Robertson, Anne Cantrick, Randall Goldfinch.

B Party - The Wild, Wet and Windy Western Ruahines

A phone call during the week for a 5am start from Pernel's was not very welcome. Although a good sleep on the bus on the almost 4hr trip to the Rangiwahia carpark (northeast of Fielding) made up for the early start.

A well-graded pack track led us up a rugged gully until we hit a massive slip. The track to get round over the top of the slip was steep and gnarly and added about half an hour to what should have been 5 minutes. Shortly after getting back on the old track we came to the impressive laminated arch bridge between two high bluffs. 'No abseiling' says the sign. The track then wended its way up through a steep gut of a gully to come out onto lovely rolling tussock tops and Rangiwahia Hut. This hut is in a prime location and the view north to the National Park Mountains and Kaimanawas must be spectacular on a fine day. There was quite a bit of high cloud around so we could only see a thin sliver of the snow covered mountains.

The current Rangiwahia Hut is the third version. At the start in the 1930s it was built as a ski hut. Shirley told us later that she used to go up there to ski when she was a fit young lady! We were impressed with the people that dragged all their ski gear up there. They even had a rope tow driven by an old Indian motorbike engine.

After a 'Randall brew' we headed up the track along the wide tussock ridge on an easy grade. The A party could often be seen in the distance. There was a lot of soft snow around and ground conditions were very wet. Of course the indented tracks get full of snow; so much of the time was spent walking along the side of the track. We reached the high point and headed north. Way down in the valley below us we spied the Triangle Hut.

We could see the 'A' route across the tortuous ranges and their group hanging out in the saddle at the next track junction. As we caught up with them it was obvious they had made the wise decision to head down to Triangle Hut.

Alan and Ken had some fun in a big snow cornice. Then it was down the long ridge to the Hut. We had to clamber through some quite deep snow and the track was buried for much of the first part, then down a rugged leatherwood staircase and into the kaikawaka (Mountain Cedar) belt. These trees are just awesome, old and gnarled and some with big butts - must be really old. These gave way to beech

forest down to the river. Oh Oh! All the recent rain and melting snow meant the Oroua River was well up and swift. Luckily we found a wider part a bit further upstream where it was safer to cross and we could get to the hut on the other side.

The A team was already getting set up in their tents. Murray from Takapau had a dodgy looking tent! Don't know how Randall squeezed in. None of us even wanted to think about going back up the steep route we had just come down. No way! The intention was to go down the river to Iron Gates Hut but Jeff reported this required a pack float just around the corner. Alan reckoned we could go up the ridge behind the Hut and get to the next part of the track that way. No takers.

The 6 bunk Triangle Hut has been upgraded, fully lined, new stove and porch. We all had a welcome feed and were into the sack pretty early. Not too much snoring.

In the morning the river was still quite high, the tops were under cloud and it was quite cold. We all very reluctantly agreed the best way out was back the way we had come. There was dark talk about calling in the helicopters. Would anyone break a leg? It was a big grunt all the way back up to the tops, the conditions getting wetter as we climbed up. Back on the open tops we had strong blustery winds and horizontal rain that got into every crack in the raincoats. Visibility was so bad we could only just see the next waratah. It was tough job just staying upright and conditions were getting quite marginal. All we could do is keep staggering along keeping in mind the next stop was the dry and shelter of Rangiwhia Hut. Finally got there without any mishaps. Randall had the hot water on and the gas fire going and the hut was filled with cold wet bodies and then hot steaming clothes. Randall managed to melt the front of Sue Taylor's shorts!!

After a long and welcome lunch and all feeling a lot warmer after scoffing all our food we headed off back to the bus. Monty had radioed Geoff to change the pick up. The A party had definitely made the right decision not to head over the ranges.

It was great to get back to the bus and get warmed up and dry. Had a grub stop in Fielding and got back to Pernel's about 6pm. A challenging weekend but the interesting country was enjoyed by all.

The 5 in the B party were Dave Mulinder, Mary Gray, Ken Nugent, Christine Snook and Alan Peterson, with thanks to Geoff Clibborn for driving.

#1976

Bike Trip SH50

15 November, 2006

Four of us met at Pernel's and decided the wind down Highway 50 would be too strong so we changed the trip to biking around Twyford. We had the wind side on, front on and behind at times.

We got on to the stop-bank at the end of Twyford Road, snacked there, then rode along the top to a side road and came back to Pernel's. It was a good ride with the wind behind us on the home journey.

Thanks to Bobby Couchman, Peggy Gulliver, Bob Carter and Marion Nicholson.

#1977

Cape Kidnappers

22 November, 2006

A perfect day for a walk along the beach. Sunshine, a cool breeze, not many tourists, correct tides. Ten of us set out for Cape Kidnappers on our Wednesday walk. We were away by 9a.m. (high tide was 7 a.m.) eager to see what erosion had occurred along the beach, the final destination being the gannet colony where the birds were said to be in residence with plenty of chicks.

During the walk negotiated a couple of large slips successfully. The sea was a beautiful blue and calm as a mirror. We saw oyster catchers, terns and gannets. On reaching the cool and shady picnic area at 11.30 a.m. we managed to have our lunch before the tractor crowd arrived. We then climbed to the main gannet colony, a stupendous sight. Lots of chicks with noisy busy parents, the gannet colony is growing by the year. Fabulous views.

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It was back down to the picnic area for a second lunch before we then headed for home collecting rubbish on the way, our environmental contribution. The tourist tractor passed us on its way back and offered to take our collection for us which was very welcome as some items were large e.g. half a plastic paddling pool. We arrived back at the cars by 3.45 p.m. A wonderful day. The cape was at its best.

Hillary Hebron, Bobby Couchman, Joan Ruffell, Marj Musson, Bob Kingston, Bob and Heather Carter, Fumi Moriyama, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride.

#1978

Kiwi Saddle Hut

2-3 December, 2006

There being no hurry to get to the hut we started walking at about 9.30 in a briskly southerly and with fresh snow on the higher country. Only a little survived by the time we reached to Cameron Hut junction but it was pretty chilly at the hut. The back wall, from which has been growing a fine crop of small fawn fungi was the obvious starting point and it was a bonus to discover that much of the paint came off each board in one long strip leaving clean and very damp wood beneath. We were able to take the whole wall back to bare wood before doing the same to small areas on the other walls. Most of these were at the bottom of the walls, so we improved the ventilation by removing the metric equivalent of a few inches of soil, with slopes to drain any water clear of the hut. There is now a small area of bare rock under the bench-side window, the better to keep that area drier too. Then onto sanding the rest of the exterior and application of the best part of 4L of Resene "Go-Ben", water-based paint with added fungicide. This dried quickly and looks good. There is only a very small quantity left under the hut.

Sue and Jill timed their arrival to the moment the last of the day's work was over but more than redeemed themselves by carrying in a magnificent desert including fresh strawberries.

Next morning was again a leisurely affair, with little frost as the breeze had continued through the night. The back wall was noticeably drier and accepted with evident gratitude the residual fungicide perked by one G Hare from the Hazmobile day. Next move is to return after a few dry days to paint the currently bare areas and probably to put a second coat on the other walls. As a reward for our efforts we walked around to Kaiarahi, pulling seedling contorta and enjoying panoramic views all the way, then on down The Rogue, arriving at the Carpark at 5pm.

We saw a good variety of orchids, and it was pleasing to find that there are Powelliphanta snails close to the hut. We also found that if one takes the trouble to look there are skinks in the rockpiles. ML

Party: David and Anne Blake, Fumi Moriyama, Jeff Robinson, Maureen Broad, Jill Beaver, Sue Taylor, Mike Lusk

Search and Rescue Training

Wakarara Search Methods Course

25-26 November, 2006

John Monty had been working for weeks before this event to round up enough keen starters to make the course viable. The original 18 had dropped back to 12, being 8 from HTC and 4 hunters, plus the two tutors, Ian Newman from Tauranga and Paul Kelly from Dunedin. One of the course attendees even came from Chatham Island!

December 06

We left Pernel at 6 a.m. Saturday in the HTC truck, arriving at Wakarara Outdoor Education Centre in plenty of time for a cuppa before the course began at 8 a.m. with the inevitable paperwork of course registration, Tai Poutini enrolment, and handouts of study notes and assessment sheets and student workbook. The first day continued with a very interesting range of topics. These included:

1. What is "lost"?
2. Missing Person Matrix.
3. Profiling.
4. Lost Subject Behaviour.
5. Passive Search.
6. Sound Sweep.
7. Sound Line.
8. Sound/light Line.
9. Sound/light Sweep.

These topics were all dealt with first by classroom explanation and discussion, followed by outdoors field exercises to put the skills to practical use. Day One finished at midnight when we returned from night search exercises near Triplex Hut.

Day Two dealt with the topics of:

1. Critical Separation.
2. Purposeful Wandering.
3. 300 m Circle.
4. Search Measurement.

We had a number of assessment exercises, in which we answered questions based on course notes (but had to be careful to use exactly the words from the notes, no room for original thought and own expression!). Our catering requirements were well met by Julie, the camp caretaker, who lives in the on-site house. We all enjoyed the course (especially the practical exercises) learned a lot in the process, and are keen to put our new skills into practice. In the absence of real searches we would like to incorporate some elements of search methods into an HTC tramping trip, or an exercise especially for the purpose. There is potential for a very enjoyable weekend by combining practice of Search Methods with a social (as opposed to serious tramping) weekend. It would need to be a two day event, because Night Search can be very effective, and needs practising. Our enthusiasm could well infect others and lead to greater numbers becoming skilled and knowledgeable in Search Methods. Thanks to all who took part voluntarily and willingly in the roster-less housekeeping duties which make a live-in weekend run smoothly and leaves the facilities clean and tidy, great team work!

Geoff Clibborn



From Graeme:

Thank you to all the club members that once again supported this annual fund raising event. We supported the councils by providing 35 man days over the two days. I am especially grateful to those that worked on both Saturday and Sunday.

Dominic Salmon – Hastings District Council Waste Minimisation Officer wrote in his letter to the Club:

"I would like to thank the team of the Heretaunga Tramping Club for helping make the 2006 Hazmobile collection the most successful to date. Early results indicate that the weekend collected and diverted nearly 30 tonnes of Hazardous waste."

CLUB NEWS:

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to the following new members, we hope you enjoy all your tramps with us.
Janet Titchener-Bogen, Valerie Moratti, Jeff Oliver, Jon Munn, Jill Beaver, Maureen Broad.

GET OUT TRAMPING AGAIN SOON:

As most members know, Jean-Luc Vachan, our import from Quebec, had a nasty accident on a paraglider. We hope that you recover quickly Jean-Luc and get out tramping again soon.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Christine Snook who was awarded the Stan Woon Memorial Trophy for Trumper of the Year 2006 and to Lex Smith who was awarded the Leatherwood Trophy for his many services to the club.

Congratulations also to Ross Berry and Sarah Lambert on the birth of their daughter, Meg.

MEETINGS and SPEAKERS:

Many thanks to Jeff Robertson who gave us an interesting talk on diving and to Brian Hebron who talked on aspects on tramping in the UK and described his and Hilary's trip to Uganda where they were able to observe the Gorilla in the wild. Thanks also to Max for organizing the showing of a video on the Great Wall of China.

SUBMISSION:

The Club recently sent in a submission on the draft Whanganui National Park Management Plan commenting particularly on access issues.

MONEY MATTERS:

Truck fare: The cost of running the truck has recently been investigated (truck fares have not been increased for at least 10 years). It was found that the fares collected were not covering the truck expenses (excluding depreciation). To remedy this the committee has increased most fares by \$5.

Associate Subscription: The Associate Subscription rate, at \$10 per year, does not even cover the costs of producing and posting the three Pohokura they receive each year. The committee is currently determining an appropriate Subscription rate and there will be a Special General meeting sometime before June 2007 to consider their recommendation. If the recommendation is passed the new rate will apply from 1 July 2007.

MANY THANKS:

To all the members who helped at the Hazmobile Collections in Hastings and Napier – it was a job well done and once again the Council was very pleased with our efforts.

Coming Meetings:

DATE	TOPIC/ SPEAKER	COMMENTS	Hosts	Supper Help
10 Jan	Social Catch Up		Philip Mardon, Robyn Madden	Dave Heaps, Ros Lusk
24 Jan	Mountain Safety Council	Find out what the MSC does and what resources are available	Judy McBride, John Montgomerie	Jeff Robertson, Liz Pindar
7 Feb	Mike, Ken et al	Beautiful small things in the bush – our Cl photographers reveal all!	Lynette Blackburn, Hamish Hunt	Hilary & Brian Hebron
21 Feb	Geoff Clibborn	Motor Vanning	Chris Brown, Garry Smith	Gerald Blackburn, Marion Nicholson
7 Mar	Kaweka Challenge wind- down	Brief Kaweka Challenge highlights from check points and an early supper	Anne Cantrick, Marjoleine Turel	Peter Brown , Geoff Robinson
21 Mar	Club Auction		Mary Gray, Chris Waldron	Rodger Burn, Graham Thorp
4 Apr	Coming Trips/ Social	Just a few photos to showcase our coming trips leaving plenty of time for organisation of the Easter Weekend tramp	Brett Hickey, Valerie Colgate	Gerald Eyles, Shirley Bathgate
18 Apr	Kahurangi National Park - Alan Petersen	Alan presents his tramps through Karamea, Mt Arthur & the Peel Range.	Peggy Gulliver, Helen Hare	Jim Hewes, Christine Snook
2 May	Hypothermia	A video and discussion.	Randall Goldfinch Ray Mannings	Greg Munn , Max Neumegen

Duties of those on Supper and Host:

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

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



ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP?

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

TRIP GRADINGS

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

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

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

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

GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS

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

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

TRIP LIST January - May 2007

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 844 6697



7 Jan Beach Trip Southern Hawke's..... \$15
Walk from Porangahau to Blackhead Beach and visit the Te Angi Angi Marine Reserve.
Organizer: Mike Lusk 8778328 Driver:

Wed 10 Jan
Bike Ride from Lake Lopez down Maraetotora Road and return (40 Km).
Organizer: Rodger Burn Tel 8776322.

13-14 Jan ?????? \$30*
Come out on a fun adventurous trip somewhere in the North Island: there is something for A, B and C tramping abilities. Will involve some tramping, some fishing for those with licenses, swimming, some history, sight seeing and some socializing.
Leaders: Susan Lopdell 8446697 and Glenda Hooper 8774183 Driver Lex Smith

21 Jan Taupo Rd – Ahimanama Area \$15
Map V19
Travel along SH 5 9 km past Te Haroto summit and turn left just before Stoney Creek into Takere Road. Walk up Stoney Creek returning via high points 804 and 891 back to the truck. There is a hot spring on the left branch of this stream that we will attempt to find.
Organizer: Volunteer wanted Driver: Alan Petersen

Wed 24 Jan
Bike Ride from Pukehaumoamo School-Matapiro Road Crownthorpe Road circuit and return.
Organizer. Peggy Gulliver Tel 8797763.

28 Jan	Central Ruahine Range	\$15
	Map: U22	
<p>A: In from Kashmir Road climb to the Pohangina Saddle drop down into the Pohangina River and follow it down to Top Gorge Hut. Climb back on to the main range and return to truck via Longview Hut.</p> <p>B: Tramp to Longview Hut from the Kashmir Road end then descend to Awatere Hut down the Makaretu Stream and return to truck.</p> <p>Organizers: A: Peter Berry 8774183 B: David Blake 8353284 Driver: Peter Berry</p>		

3-6 Feb	Waitangi extended weekend* Waioeka Forest	\$35*
	Map: W17	
<p>NB: This trip is dependent upon fine weather & low river flows</p> <p>Turn off SH2 near Matawai onto Karonga Rd and then onto Moanui Red to Journey's End Station and the start of the track. Cross swingbridge ascend "the Burn" and descend through tawa forest to Kahuiti Stream and Tawa Hut (4 hours, 8 bunks and plenty of camping). The second day will be plenty of river travel perhaps seeing Blue Duck on the way. Will stay the night at the Koranga Forks Hut (5 hours, 6 bunks). Last day will be on a benched track beside the Koranga River back to the roadend.</p> <p>Truck party has options of walking either way from truck.</p> <p>For more info see Shaun Barnett's "Nth Island Weekend Tramps"</p> <p>Organizer: Volunteer wanted..... Driver: Lex Smith</p>		

11 Feb	Central Ruahine Range	\$15
	Map: U22	
<p>A: In from North Block Rd, cross the Waipawa River and then along to Middle Stream. Follow Middle Stream down to its junction with the Waipawa R and wander up river back to the truck.</p> <p>B: Through to Middle Stream with the A party then climb up Bombup and descend this ridge to Middle Stream, wind your way downstream to the Waipawa then upstream to truck.</p> <p>Organizers: A: Ken Nugent 8765395 B: Susan Lopdell 8446697 Driver: Geoff Clibborn</p>		

Wed/Thurs 14/15 Feb
Two nights @ Kiwi Saddle Hut & going down to Kiwi Mouth Hut for a day trip.
Organizer Rodger Burn Tel 8776322

24-25 Feb	Kaweka Challenge
Come and support the club's major fundraiser for the year. We need your assistance either out in the field or at the two main bases. Contact Susan Lopdell (8446697) if you can help	

Wed 28 Feb
Up Esk River or track from Ellis Wallace Road.
Organizer Joan Ruffell Tel 8760531.

11 March	Central Ruahine Range	\$15
	Map: U22	
<p>A: Leave from Triplex car park and ascend to 65 and 66 via Sunrise Track and Armstrong Saddle. Return either via Nth Branch of the Waipawa River or Waipawa saddle and down the Waipawa River to truck.</p> <p>B: From Triplex carpark to Top Maropea Hut via Sunrise Track and Armstrong Saddle. Return same route with the possibility of diverting onto Staircase Track or drop down to Waipawa and follow river back to truck.</p> <p>Organizers: A: Alan Petersen 027 5765058. B: Glenda Hooper 8774183 Driver: Alan Petersen</p>		

Wed 14 March

Te Puia Hut via Gum Trees.

Organizer Bobby Couchman. Tel 8778557.

Wed 21 March

Bike Ride Mutiny Road Middle Road Areas starting from Hastings.

Organizer Judy McBride Tel 8769756

24-25 March Eastern Kaimanawa Range

\$30

Map T19

Turn off onto the Kaimanawa Road from the Desert Road and drive to the start of the track. Climb initially through bush before coming out on to the Umukarikari Range with views of Lake Taupo, Kaimanawa Range and the distant Kaweka Range. Camp south of Waipakihi Hut Saturday night. Sunday follow river down to the Urchin Track and follow this track back to the truck.

Options for truck party include a wander through bush to visit the Pillars of Hercules and Tree Truck Gorge on way round to collect the rest of the party..

Organizer: Alan Petersen 027 5765058

Driver Geoff Clibborn

25 March – Local Day Trip: Yeoman's Track.

Wed 28 March

Barlows Hut loop circuit (River plus Track).

Organizer Rodger Burn Tel 8776322

6-9 Apr Easter Whanganui National Park – Bridge to Nowhere.... \$40*

Maps R19&20,S19&20

This trip was last walked in 1993 and was very popular.

Option A: Jetboat (cost per person \$70) from Pipiriki 45 minutes up the Whanganui River to the Mangapurua Landing. From here walk up the Mangapurua Stream to the Bridge to Nowhere (40 minutes). After the bridge carry on up the valley, passing remnants of past settlement to camp somewhere in the middle reaches. Saturday carry on up river to the Mangapurua Trig (7½ hours from the Bridge to Nowhere) and camp near the Raetihi- Ohura Road entry. Sunday head north down the Kaiwhakauka Stream through to Whakahora (6 hours) camping out on the way

Option B saves on the cost of a jetboat but is a return trip. Leave the truck at the Raetihi-Ohura Road entry point and walk up the Mangapurua Trig and then on down the Mangapurua Valley to camp at Bettjemans. Saturday walk from Bettjemans downstream to the Bridge to Nowhere (4½ hours) and then on to the Wanganui River. Return the same way probably stopping at Battleship Bluff and Walshes for Saturday and Sunday nights.

Organizer: Mike Bull 8436052

Drivers: Geoff Clibborn & Lex Smith

Local Day Trip: Tutira Walkway. – Actual day to be determined later.

11 - 17 April

Coromandel Capers.

Come for a week in the Coromandel, tramping, walking, camping, tourism, and fun. Kauaeranga Valley, Pinnacle Hut, Mt Moehau, Coromandel Walkway, sandy beaches, kauri trees, Driving Creek Pottery and Railway etc. Options for all ages and fitness.

To assist planning, costing please indicate to Graeme H (844 8656) your consideration to participate if this trip appeals. Party limited to 20.

Wed 11 April

Farm Walk Poukawa area .

Organizer Marion Nicholson Tel 8735935.

22 Apr: Kaweka Range – Kuripapango- Training..... \$10
Map U20

This will be based at Robson Lodge and will include a BBQ Saturday night. Sunday activities to include map and compass course, firelighting skills, first aid, bush survival and river crossing skills. All members should attend no matter how experienced you may be.

Organizer: Training Committee

Driver: Alan Petersen

Wed 25 April

Poutaki Hut Gwavas Forest.

Organizer. Rodger Burn Tel 8776322.

5-6 May Either Kapiti Island or Leon Kinvig (Ruahine Range)

Kapiti Island: Kapiti Island and a short walk into the Tararua Ranges from the Otaki Forks carpark.

Leon Kinvig: Leave from Ngamoko Road and walk into Leon Kinvig Hut via the Apiti Track. The return trip will be via Birch Whare.

Organizer: Graeme Hare 8448656

Drivers: Geoff Clibborn & Alan Petersen

6 May – Local Day Trip: Lakes Rd – Old Kaweka Hut Site – Mackintosh Circuit.

20 May Northern Kaweka Range Middle Hill/ Makino..... \$15
Map U20

Leave from Pinks Hut on the Makahu Road & walk into Middle Hill Hut, then traverse 7 km over to the Makino Track crossing 3 tributaries of the Mangatutunui Stream on the way. Wander back to the truck via the Makino Track.

Organizer: Anne Blake 8353284

Driver

David Blake

OVERDUE TRAMPERS

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

Susan Lopdell 844 6697

Jim Glass 877 8748

Glenda Hooper 877 4183

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

Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (the one before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7.25 PM, visitors are welcome.