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The **CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB** has members of all ages, and runs tramping trips every weekend, ranging from easy (no experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instructional courses and hold weekly social meetings. Membership rates per year are \$35 member, \$55 couple, \$18 junior or associate.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire to members at reasonable rates (tents, ice axes, crampons, harnesses, large and small weekend pack, billies and a mountain radio). Contact Gear Custodian, Bernard Parawa 981 4931. Note: Club gear assigned to you is your responsibility; please take care of it.

Our **Club Hut** in the Arthur's Pass Township has the comforts of home but with the mountains at the back door. – Even better now with real showers and inside flushing loos (BYO toilet paper!). A great place for a few days away; take your usual gear and a pillowcase. **Please book** before leaving town to ensure there is a bunk available. For keys and bookings phone Andrew Wrapson 381 6003; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352 5327; or if they're both away, Dave Watson 981 7929 (or pager 026 252 3284). Hut fees are \$8 member, \$8 member's partner, \$15 non-member, \$4 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Andrew.

Social Scene: We meet on Thursdays 7:30 pm at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre (Watling Lounge), Hagley Park South, 57 Riccarton Avenue (entrance opposite the hospital). A variety of social functions are organised, the atmosphere informal, and tea and biscuits served. If you can give a presentation or have ideas, please contact Alan Ross 384 6425.

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, day trips depart at 8:00 am and weekend trips depart at 7:00 pm on Fridays, from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station at 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and opposite Derby Street). If you aren't taking your car on the trip, park on one of the nearby side streets, otherwise it may be wheel clamped or towed. If you are taking your car please refuel at Shell Carlton, as they are kind enough to hold our trip lists. Every trip gives an indication of petrol costs per person. Please bring it in cash to help the leader divvy up at the end. If you have comments or suggestions for trips, please contact the appropriate trip organiser (listed at top of the page).

Leaders: Please ask for the trip list box (disguised as a shiny red 'Stanley' toolbox) and post the trip list into the locked box. If anyone turns up after this, the service station has a key to open the box. Spare key holders are listed on the box.

Notices

Email: The club operates a moderated email list, whose address is members@ctc.org.nz. This list is used to send out the newsletter, occasional tramping related messages and other invites, and from time to time a complete list of the email addresses of CTC members. Messages intended for the list, and requests to join or leave the list should be sent to the above email address. Note that the moderator will check as to the appropriateness of all messages.

CTC Stickers: The club has Christchurch Tramping Club stickers for members to stick in hut books when they visit. Please contact the secretary at secretary@ctc.org.nz.

Photos: Thanks to the multi-talented Paul Ashton, we now have photos on the web page to accompany trip reports. Please email photos to P.Ashton@ext.canterbury.ac.nz

Membership Database: If you know of any updates, errors or omissions, call Rex on 352 5327 or email greta-vink@clear.net.nz.

New Members: A big welcome to the following new members – Caz McHardy, Joy Bryant, Simon Garton and Kristi Du Bois.

When using the Club Hut, please be careful when changing the taps when arriving and leaving. The consequences of cocking this up (no pun intended) could be severe, so please read the instructions carefully.

The **Committee** meets from 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of every month. The venue changes between committee members' homes. Club members may attend meetings to discuss matters. Contact the Secretary (349 2280 or secretary@ctc.org.nz).

The minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 8 July 2004 have been drafted. They will be offered for approval at the next AGM. — Secretary.

We now have three flash new email addresses: secretary@ctc.org.nz, editor@ctc.org.nz and newmembers@ctc.org.nz. Thanks to Paul Ashton for sorting these out for us.

FMC Leadership Course: FMC will be running a leadership course in the Craigieburn area on the 27-28 November. Participants will be required to travel Friday night to ensure a prompt start on Saturday morning. The course will cover topics such as: group management, information and recommendations on liability and outdoor skills. FMC is subsidising the course fee by 50% with the CTC paying the other 50%. The fee includes accommodation and meals from Saturday morning to Sunday lunch; it does not cover transport costs. If you are interested, please email gareth@hot.co.nz with your name, address, phone number, email and a brief outline of your outdoor leadership and instruction experience or, alternatively, pass on the same details to one of your committee members. Nominations close 31 October. Please note FMC and the CTC want course participants to pass on what you have gained to other club members.

Bequest: As highlighted later in the newsletter, the club has received \$2500 from the Estate of Colin McCallum. If you have any creative ideas on how it should be spent, please get in touch with someone on the committee, so we can spend it in the best possible way.

Classified

Classified ads are available at *no charge* to CTC members.

External events of interest:

www.mountainz.co.nz: A new website that is a source of news, articles, trip reports, photos and forums. They're also keen to get material on your adventures.

MSC courses: phone 351 0942. Check out the website for local courses on tramping and climbing related topics. Outdoor First Aid - teaches the skills to manage accidents and sudden illness in the outdoors. This is invaluable for the scenarios. Runs Friday evening through Sunday 29/31 October. \$80.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Thursday 30 September	Club Night
Newsletter folding night: Honora will host a session to examine how trampers can make their trip successful and enjoyable. She will also be keen to hear your suggestions.	
Saturday 2 October (Long day - 7am start)	Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931
Chest Peak via Mt Storm: Western Lees Valley. Chest Peak (1936m) is the high point of the Puketeraki Range. Once up on Mt Storm, the way is all on open ridges with expansive views. Much distance to travel over lots of snow. Fast pace. Book now for the Lees Valley trip of the year. Of course, ice-axe and crampons required.	Grade: ModHard Map: L34 Approx: \$15 List closes: 30 September
Sunday 3 October	Leader: Sandi Keenan 337 3263
Rakaia Gorge Walkway: Starts at the stunning bridges over the chasm formed by the mighty Rakaia. There is so much of interest in this easy, and nearly flat, 3 to 4 hour return walk. If you have never done it before, then it is a must do. An amazing trip with so many different and surprising features, e.g. some volcanic rocks and soils.	Grade: Easy Map: K35 Approx: \$15 List closes: 30 September
Thursday 7 October	Club Night
China with John Kirby: Lets go right across China with John Kirby! John will start in the north on the silk road then travel south across eastern Tibet and end up following the great Yangtze river to the sea. John has just come back from 4 months in China so this will be a great show!	
Saturday 9 October	Leader: Gareth Gilbert
Lyndon Saddle Camp Saddle Traverse: Craigieburn area. This will be a loop, all on tracks. Enjoy forest walks combined with open snow. Walking poles/ski poles recommended. Really beautiful views.	Grade: Easy Map: K34 Approx: \$25 List closes: 7 October
Weekend 9 – 10 October	Leader: Tim Broad 365 8940
Lake Daniels: An easy track to a good hut at this attractive bush fringed lake, near Maruia Springs.	Grade: Easy Map: M31 L31 Approx: \$35 List closes: 30 September
Weekend 9 – 10 October	Leader: Dayle Drummond 339 8287
Mt Speight: One of the gnarly 'must do' peaks of the upper Waimak. Nuff said.	Grade: Hard Map: K33 K34 Approx: \$35 List closes: 30 September
Sunday 10 October	Leader: Ian Dunn 343 2155
Sudden Valley/Discovery Stream: south-east APNP. This trip was originally scheduled for June 20 this year, but was postponed due to bad weather. Now is your chance to savour the delights of this wild, varied, and beautiful area. Expect to get wet feet crossing the Sudden Valley Stream during the gorge. You may want to take spare boots and/or spare socks and plastic bags. Ice-axe and crampons required.	Grade: ModHard Map: K33 Approx: \$25 List closes: 7 October

Thursday 14 October Club Night

Crisis Management: Discussion night on "how to handle a crisis involving a group in the outdoors" by our very own Honora. Let's learn what we can from this session thus preparing ourselves as best we can, should we find ourselves in this situation. We can discuss some real examples from the group present.

Weekend 16 – 17 October Leader: Frank King (for planning) 942 8368

Ball Pass: Walk up the Ball Ridge opposite the dazzling Caroline Face of Mt Cook/Aoraki, and camp in snow. Ice axe and crampons, and the skills to use them needed.

Grade: Hard
Map: H36
Approx: \$50
List closes: 7 October

Saturday 16 October Leader: Bev Clark 326 6544

Evans Pass – Pioneer Womens Monument: Port Hills jaunt close to home. The Pioneer Womens Monument is on the Summit Road above Lyttelton, where the Bridle Path crosses to the Heathcote Valley. This easy trip will most likely take in an ice-cream stop in Sumner.

Grade: Easy
Map: M36 M37
Approx: \$2
List closes: 14 October

Sunday 17 October Leader: Adrian Sullivan 331 7188

Mt Bruce Broad Stream: Drive to Cora Lynn and walk the Lagoon Saddle route. From the saddle, ascend via the steep poled route to Mt Bruce @ 1630m. Enjoy the magnificent panoramas. Drop down to the south low saddle then east into Broad Stream where a route exists at the bush edge. Walk down the bush spur, and later the stream bed, to a major fork, & then to the highway. Nice walk.

Grade: Moderate
Map: K34
Approx: \$25
List closes: 14 October

Thursday 21 October Club Night

BODY O₂: We have Gareth from a company called Body O₂. He will explain how this system offers to do the following:

“ BODY O₂ is the most advanced altitude simulation or hypoxic fitness system. Simple, safe and very robust, BODY O₂ is ideal for improving all round health and athletic performance.

BODY O₂ does not replace normal fitness programmes. Instead it enhances any individual's ability to utilize oxygen more efficiently and so increase the overall benefits achieved from regular health and fitness programmes. Users are able to train harder, recover quicker, achieving their fitness goals in less time and with more ease. ”

Saturday 23 October Leader: Warwick Dowling 366 2045

Hallelujah Flat from Andrews Shelter: APNP. Start walking at Andrews Shelter on the Mt White Road. The destination is in a delightful setting of spacious tussock flats backed by the Savannah Range. Poke your nose into the 2-man Andrews Bivvy. Depending on the people on the day, we may continue towards the Poulter River.

Grade: EasyMod
Map: K33
Approx: \$25
List closes: 21 October

Labour Weekend 23 – 25 October	Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931
Mt Owen: Team of hobbits required to follow Bernard through the strange LOTR terrain of Mt Owen. This place is just too weird to be believed. You've just gotta go and see for yourself.	Grade: Moderate Map: M28 Approx: \$60 List closes: 14 October
Labour Weekend 23 – 25 October	Leader: Frank King 942 8368
Pinnacle (Leatham River): This outstanding 2120m Marlborough mountain is very seldom visited. It's been on my list for just a bit too long now and I want to catch it while it still has snow on it. (Nice drive up the Kaikoura coast included)	Grade: Hard Map: N29 O29 Approx: \$60 List closes: 14 October
Thursday 28 October	Club Night
Newsletter Folding Night: plus lots of verbal trip reports from all those Labour Weekend trips.	
Saturday 30 October (Friday night at club hut.)	Leader: Peter Eman 337 3003
Mt Aicken: APNP. Start at Devils Punchbowl Falls track at 780m. Climb steadily then steeply through bush to open tussock then rock. High point is 1860m. The last 200-300m along the ridge to Mt Aicken proper can be difficult for some people. Big views of Mt Rolleston. Ice axe and crampons required. Depart from CHCH on Friday night.	Grade: ModHard Map: K33 Approx: \$30 List closes: 28 October
Weekend 30 – 31 October	Leader: Gareth Rapley 027 231 8560
Brass Monkey Biv: Walk the tarn studded grassy tops above Lewis Pass to Brass Monkey Biv. And see Gareth put the big tick on this one. It'll be worth it.	Grade: Moderate Map: M31 Approx: \$30 List closes: 21 October
Weekend 30 – 31 October	Leader: Frank King 942 8368
Walker Pass - Mt Hunt – Trudge Col: Up the Hawdon to stay in the hut on the Saturday evening – around the ridge the next day – then away home. We'll be seeing some pretty spectacular country up there.	Grade: Hard Map: K33 Approx: \$20 List closes: 21 October
Sunday 31 October	Leader: Trevor Scott 356 1154
Hawdon Hut Return: APNP. Start at Hawdon Shelter. Cross Hawdon River and pick up track on edge of river terraces. This flat, easy-going walk will take you through delightful glades and open river flats. Look forward to lunch at the Hawdon Hut. Return the way you came in.	Grade: EasyMod Map: K33 Approx: \$25 List closes: 28 October
Thursday 4 November	Club Night
Madagascar: We have Margaret Clark, once again, to take us on an adventure to the Island of Madagascar (off the east coast of Africa). Margaret and Jim biked here for 3 months and will take us to some National Parks and show us some of the culture of this country, which is 2.5 times bigger than NZ.	
Weekend 6 – 7 November	Leader: Dayle Drummond 339 8287
Greenlaw Creek - Fools Col - Anticrow: Greenlaw Creek is rugged but not as bad as its reputation. Dayle's been there and is keen to go back on this neat circuit. He plans on dealing to Mt Damfool as he goes.	Grade: Hard Map: K33 K34 Approx: \$25 List closes: 28 October

Saturday 6 November

Leader: Dave Henson 942 3954

French Peak & Saddle Hill from Otehere: Banks Peninsula.
This is a new approach to French Peak for the CTC. Mostly it follows untracked but open ridges. There are some steepish gullies to be traversed. Little River cafes beckon on the way home.

Grade: EasyMod
Map: N36 N37
Approx: \$15
List closes: 4 November

Sunday 7 November

Leader: Ian Dunn 343 2155

Mt Plenty/Castle Hill Peak/Foggy Peak: Torlesse/Korowai Tussocklands Park. Ian will take you up from the north side, starting at around 700m and topping out at 2000m at Castle Hill peak. Ice-axe and crampons may be required. Good views of the Craigeburns.

Grade: ModHard
Map: K34 L34
Approx: \$20
List closes: 4 November

Show Weekend 12 – 14 November

Leader: Frank King 942 8368

Top Hope – Hot Spring Creek and/or Mt Ajax: This starts at Windy Point on the Lewis Pass highway. The pool in Hot Spring Creek featured in the September Wilderness Magazine. Come along to check it out – or go the whole hog and climb Mt Ajax while you're there.

Grade: Mod+Harder
Map: L32 M32
Approx: \$30
List closes: 4 November

Christmas Trips

If anyone has any bright ideas for a Christmas or longish Summer Trip, tell Frank King about it, so we can get it into next month's newsletter, and you're not left wondering "What cool trips can I knock off this summer?"

Trip Reports

21/22 September 2004

Kirwans Hut

Ron, Susan and Trevor were pleased and surprised to see Gareth, Laura, Tania and Yuki make the 9:30am rendezvous at the Capelstone car park. Chinese whispers had informed us that 'no shows' due to a late swing in the weather forecast, were likely and we were reconciled to tramping alone.

Greeting each other like long lost friends we set off, expressing hopes that we would keep our feet dry and that the weather would get better. A 'half full' person would say we were lucky because we kept our feet dry but a 'half empty' person would lament that we never did get better weather and so missed the stunning views.

The tramp begins with an old rotten bridge over Boatman's Creek, a short trek across a paddock and a 20-minute stroll up a 4WD track. We had all read that this area had been a populace of 1000 inhabitants with 7 hotels 'servicing' the gold mining community. Nothing left now off course, except rusting memorabilia.

The track proper drops off the 4WD track to go through a manmade short tunnel, to a swing bridge (Yuki's first) across Boatman's Creek. The next remarkable characteristic is a big hole, which *has a chicken wire fence around it* presumable to warn unwary trampers that it is 'unsafe'. When we saw this, we all commented that this must be a 'tourist track', which was a good omen for those wanting to keep warm dry tootsies. Sure enough, all river and creek crossings of any size were bridged.

After about an hour of uneven track alongside Boatman's Creek, both it and Topfer Creek are crossed and then a fairly standard pack track winds steadily up the hill through the bush. We saw Bellbirds, Robins and heard a noisy Kaka.

The lunch stop was chosen for the misty view down the Topfer/Boatman's valley, but it was chilly and we lingered long enough for just *one* of Trevor's stories, the one that has the punch line:

He pointed down his shorts and said "Tennis Ball"

She replied sympathetically "Oh how painful, I suffer from Tennis Elbow!"

Soon after this we started commenting that this climb was surprisingly 'sweaty'. I put it down to the easy terrain, after all a 900m climb in humid conditions with a pack on isn't trivial, even if it is a tourist track. When we hit the snowline we realised just how fast we had been climbing and most of us felt better about our lack of perceived fitness. Not so Trevor, who had forgotten to drink and suffered a severe attack of cramp to his legs and to his style, which deprived us of his wit and repartee for quite a time. Luckily for him the hut was only about 30 minutes away, past a sidetrack to the 'Old hut site' and then up at another signpost, through stunted trees.

We burst out onto the 1294m 'knob' shielding our eyes from the snow glare and stumbling about in the knee deep pristine snow for the 20 or so metres to the hut. Sadly the glare did not indicate sunshine, just eyes grown accustomed to the low light in the bush. The hut was great but the view was not!!

Now all emphasis was on getting a cuppa made and the stove lit. The 'half full' person would say that luckily everyone soon had a hot cuppa steaming in their hands. The 'half empty' person would drone on about how it took 3 hours to get anything like heat out of the stove despite Ron's dedicated and patient attention.

Enthusiasm was high at this point (only 2:30pm) to go out later and explore Kirwans Hill, reported to be a 45-minute return trip. However, half an hour later people were cooling off rapidly and retiring to sleeping bags to get warm. Then it started snowing. Suffice to say that the enthusiasm waned and not one of our party left the hut to go exploring, preferring to read the paper, the hut book and/or to be entertained by the recovering Trevor. "After all, it might be a bright sunny clear day tomorrow," says the 'half full' person – "Yeah right!" says the 'half empty' person.

So, we spent a long time on Saturday in the hut and heard lots of stories from Trevor among them the one that has the punch line:

*"How do you know she is having an affair with a horse?"
"Because I found a jockey under her bed."*

We retold some of these stories slowly and simply for Yuki. Gareth told us some stories about the people he has had to deal with in the travel industry, which led us to agree that 'there's now't as queer as folk'. We also learnt a bit about educational chat rooms from Tania. She had found out what POM *really* means. No, nothing to do with apples, potatoes, or soldiers from either world war... you'll have to ask Tania. Ron told stories about my sailing abilities and his chances of rescue should he fall or be knocked into the sea (yeah you guessed - zilch). Eventually we all cooked and ate our meals and when the stove finally began to warm up we took off our down jackets and were 'cosy'. After yet more stories from Trevor we all curled up in our sleeping bags and went to sleep – and no one snored.

Sunday dawned cold, cloudy, and unpleasant. We decided that our morning excursion would be to the (sheltered) mine, not to the hill, where there would be no views anyway. We were treated to one small break in the cloud as we assembled outside the hut before the raw wind hurried us into the bush and down to Kirwan's Reward mine. The aerial cableway with at least one bucket on it was easily spotted a short way down the hill, but we felt that with thick snow hiding rusty mining artifacts and possibly other dangers, it was too risky to go clambering around exploring the hillside.

So we high tailed it back to the cars in three hours with the last 30 minutes in steady rain. We had a coffee and a pie in Reefton and were home in time for tea. The 'half full' person can look forward to a return trip, in nicer weather to explore the mine, experience the views to Mt Cook from the hill tops and visit the Battery down the other side. The 'half empty' person won't go back 'cos it always rains in Reefton.

Thanks Gareth for a nice social weekend.

26 June 2004

Norma (1722m)

Passion or duty ... friendship and rivalry ... nobility, integrity and self sacrifice, or abandoning all for love ... Yes the CTC gets hit head on by culture – but we went to Norma the rather attractive peak in the Lewis Pass rather than Norma the opera. However, I bored the others with the story anyway. Druids, oak groves, priestesses and Romans were rather suitable for the grey misty day and the climb up through the bush anyway. The pink fluffy bunny ears Bernard brought along (why? Good question . . . ? Ask Bernard) do not figure in the original story but added an nice surreal touch. We parked at the NZDA's Palmer Lodge and used the swingbridge for the Nina Hut track to cross the river. Doug then headed straight on into the bush, aiming to get onto the crest of the long ridge of Norma that comes down to the Nina/Lewis junction. The going was pretty good (although the bunny ears got a bit entangled at times) but it was a nice surprise to most of us to find a fairly clear track on the ridge – it even had some very old markers. Only our intrepid leader seemed mildly miffed to be done out of some concerted bush bashing: good thing we had some pink fluffy ears along to let him wear to cheer him up.

Although a bit obscure in places, the track took us straight up the ridge to the bushline. By then it was definitely raining and there was a cold wind but the snow only lay in soft patches for much of the way up. We had lunch behind a large boulder (druidical altar?), and then continued up the ridge towards Norma. The crest got progressively sharper and the snow a bit deeper but still very soft - our main issues were the wet snow, snow grass, and slippery loose rocks, rather than ice. The view was fairly non-existent and when we got to something that had all the credentials of a peak to me (ie, it was the highest thing we could see), most of us weren't going to cross-question it too closely. When Doug checked his gadgets and pronounced us well short I decided that technology is all very well but blissful ignorance has its advantages too. We dutifully descended from 1642m and then started up again: Ian seemed born to be a rock duck, Doug, Bernard and Kerrie also seemed much more in control of themselves and their feet than I felt, but another half

an hour or so of slipping, sidling and scrambling got us onto Norma. The wind was endangering the bunny ears and we did not stay up there for long but Doug was quite right: it was worth it to know you had done it properly.

Coming back was similar to the outward trip but with even more risk of unintentionally rapid downward progress as the snow dissolved in the rain. Below the bushline the route down seemed much steeper than it did up, and very greasy. At one point there was a very eerie drawn-out sliding wail from Bernard, out of sight up the track, but he could just have been singing – or being a druid. I do not think that anyone escaped without close contact with the mud and even Ian was slowed from his usual rapid downward pace. We had wanted to follow the track all the way down to see where it came out, but it seemed to disappear about the point where we originally picked it up, so Doug and Bernard led the way back through the bush to the bridge and thus to the car. It took 6 hours altogether, a very nice trip which would be worth doing again in the summer.

Doug Forster (leader), Kerrie Skinner, Bernard Parawa, Ian Dunn, Jenny (scribbler)

Bequest

Bequest from Colin McCallum's Estate

Colin passed away in May 2003 after a long battle with Cancer, for those in the Tramping Club who knew Colin, they admired his attitude to life and his long serving dedication to the Club.

James McCallum on behalf of the trustees of the Archibald Trust wrote to us last month saying it was Colin's wish that the Club be donated \$2,500 from his Estate for the club to spend on how it deems fit.

On behalf of the Club, Adrian Busby has written to James McCallum thanking him for the donation.

James recalls going out with the club on at least two occasions for extended trips down south, and by all accounts enjoyed the time away with us; he closes his letter with...

"May your club continue to educate and provide wonderful experiences to members and non-members alike, so that they may safely enjoy our precious natural environment"

Colin will always be remembered for his friendly open personality.

His memory of past trips too was unbelievable. I recall Colin explaining to Steve Bruerton on how to find the start of a track on the coast, he was to find a fence post with particular moss on top, I thought how can he remember that - but sure enough Steve said later that the post with the moss was right where Colin said it would be, the only trouble was that a new track had been formed further over in the scrub!!

As Hut Convenor, Colin spent countless hours working at Arthur's Pass and was even in residence when the last big earthquake hit the region – Colin was seen running clear of the trees still with his paint brush in his hand!

As Club Treasurer, he too will be remembered for his "waste not, want not policy" - presenting his



budget predictions to the assembled at the AGM on the back of rolls of old wallpaper.

Committee meetings at his house often meant leaving with a giant cabbage or rhubarb from his garden, he grew vegetables so large there was a constant risk of not reappearing if you ventured to the bottom of the garden path!!

Thank you Colin,

We all have our own fond memories of you.

The Club will put your donation to good use.

— Dave Watson

Please post or email articles for the November newsletter to the Editor (Alastair Brown) by Wednesday 20 October 2004, so he can go tramping on Labour Weekend.

Email: editor@ctc.org.nz
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