



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

Published by CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB INC
PO Box 527, Christchurch. www.ctc.org.nz

Affiliated with the Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

Any similarity between the opinions expressed in this newsletter and Club policy is purely coincidental.

Vol. 80

March 2011

No. 10



Congratulations to Donna Pabiran and weekend trip organiser Thomas Matern who got married in February (on the beach, on a 30-degree nor'wester day).

The CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB has members of all ages, and runs tramping trips every weekend, ranging from easy (minimal experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instructional courses and hold weekly social meetings. We have a club hut in Arthurs Pass and have gear available for hire to members. Membership rates per year are \$40 member, \$60 couple, \$23 junior or associate, with a \$5 discount for members who opt to obtain this newsletter electronically.

For more about how the club operates, see the last two pages.

Earthquake

Our sympathies to all those members who have been affected by the recent earthquake.

Because of all the uncertainties, it is likely that some trips won't run and the departure points are uncertain. Always check with the trip leader well before the day of departure.

Also, consult the website for Thursday night social venue information.

News

Annual General Meeting: The 79th Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Tramping Club Inc. will be held at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park, 57 Riccarton Avenue on Thursday 14 April 2011 at 7.30 pm, with doors open at 7.00 pm. See the last page for the formal notice. Notices of motions must be received by the Secretary by 17 March 2011.

Congratulations Coast-to-Coaster John Henson: John did the one-day Coast to Coast in 15:33:16 - congratulations John on an incredibly impressive race - not bad for a MAFB? Almost ready to take on the Mt Somers Challenge now?

Tramper of the Month: Dayle Drummond

<i>What's your occupation?</i>	Forrestry worker.	
<i>How long have you been in the CTC?</i>	Nearly 20 years. I joined in 1992 at the age of 19.	
<i>How did you find out about the CTC back then?</i>	Through friends – word of mouth.	
<i>Did you tramp before joining the CTC?</i>	Yes, I was a member of the YMCA tramping club before joining the CTC.	
<i>Who was the first CTC person you remember meeting?</i>	Frank King mentored me in my early days.	
<i>Can you remember your first weekend trip?</i>	I think so. It was the Mt Fryberg trip, led by Jeff Hall. It was a hard trip and I was not up to the hectic pace. I was left behind a lot. My fitness picked up in years to come.	
<i>Can you remember your first day trip?</i>	No – it was too long ago.	
<i>Who had the greatest influence on your early tramping days?</i>	Probably Frank King and Mike Southerwood – very knowledgeable and helpful on trips. Also they led some great tramps, e.g. Mt Alma, Mt Alexander to name a few.	
<i>Your favourite hut?</i>	Waimak Falls hut, my most tramped area in Arthur's Pass.	
<i>What are your favourite tramps?</i>	Day tramp: Mt Longfellow near Lake Sumner. A trip with great views and varied terrain, from river flats to craggy tops. A complete workout. Longer tramp: Healey Creek Hut, Remarkable Peak.	
<i>What's the biggest mishap you can recall?</i>	Me almost getting swept away in the White River, Arthurs Pass.	
<i>What's the most memorable tramp you've ever done?</i>	Probably Mt Kerr – Olderog Biv, because of the spectacular views, narrow ridges, gorges and varied terrain.	
<i>What's the funniest thing to happen to you while tramping?</i>	Probably Alan Ross, with all the weird and funny things he brings on tramping trips, e.g. false legs, vacuum cleaners, sacks of potatoes, tutus, to name a few.	
<i>What's your most embarrassing tramping memory?</i>	Leaving behind my tramping boots, crampons and ice axe. Luckily Honora knew someone in Arthurs Pass who had spare gear.	
<i>Are there any tramps you particularly want to do?</i>	The number one trip I'd love to do is the Gardens of Eden and Allah. Others are Mikonui Spur Biv, Mt Hopeless – Mt Cupola, Wangapeka west-to-east, Mokihinui North Branch.	
<i>What's the coldest tramp you can recall?</i>	That would have to be Mons Sex Millia in the middle of winter. Very harsh overnight frost, having to put on frozen boots. Had to use a billy of boiling water to thaw them out.	

Notices

New Members Welcome: We welcome five new members to the club this month: Kelly and Todd Robinson, Kim Swarbrick, John-paul Lilburne and Liz Stephenson. Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

Alternative Trip Departure Point: Trip leaders now have the choice of an alternative meeting location: Caltex Russley on the corner of Russley Road and Yaldhurst Rd. It's the one at the lights as you leave the built up area to head west. They are happy for us to meet in their car park but no cars are to be left parked on site. A trip list box - a well-labelled toolbox - is located in a cupboard at knee height behind the front counter. Trip leaders: be sure to make clear to the trip organisers which departure point you'll be using. Trip participants: make sure you know which one to go to!

New Committee Members: Would you be interested in getting more involved in the running of the CTC? The Committee is elected at the AGM in April and volunteers are always welcome. In particular, the Club is looking for a new Secretary, Day Trip Organiser and Club Captain. A new Access Manager is also being sought. If you would be interested in *any* position on the Committee please contact the current incumbent to discuss.

Au Revoir Paul Ashton: Our hard-working club member Paul Ashton, who recently moved to Wellington, has resigned from the CTC. Paul set up the original club website many years ago and ran it on his company's computer until the beginning of 2007. He has also led many club trips and been an enthusiastic advocate for GPS trip recording and geocaching. We wish Paul all the best for his new life in Wellington and hope to have him back in the club when he eventually sees the error of his ways and returns to Christchurch.

FMC Photo Competition: The FMC 2011 Photo Competition is now open with entries accepted from member *clubs*. Each club may submit 2 entries per category. The categories are: Above Bushline; Below Bushline; Historic, Hut or Camp Life; Native Flora or Fauna; Outdoor Landscapes. The CTC will submit the first 2 entries received from club members for each category, that comply with the FMC rules (1 entry per member per category). Please send your entries to the Secretary (secretary@ctc.org.nz). Full rules can be found at <http://www.fmc.org.nz/services-to-clubs/photo-competition/>.

DOC Consultation on the effects of the planned Otira Possum Control: DOC have advised that information about this matter can be obtained from Shane Cross or Shane Halliday on 03 756 9100.

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 invitations. Messages intended for the list should be sent to the above email address. Note that the moderator will check as to the appropriateness of all messages. Subscribing to and unsubscribing from the email list is done via the club website: log in to www.ctc.org.nz, click the *User Details* entry in the *Members* menu and then the link *View/edit your personal details*. The *On Email List* checkbox controls your subscription to the email list.

External Events

Dry Acheron Track opening: The official opening of the new *Dry Acheron Track* will take place on Saturday 5 March at 11am at the start of the track off Coleridge Road. After the opening guests are invited to walk the track. For more details, including maps and walking times, see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/events-and-awards/regional-events/canterbury/dry-acheron-track-opening/>

Calendar of trips and Social Events

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, club trips depart either from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station at 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and opposite Derby Street) or from Caltex Russley on the corner of Russley Road and Yaldhurst Rd. If the departure point is not specified in the trip schedule, you may assume it's Shell Carlton. Day trips usually depart at 8am on Saturday or Sunday. Weekend trips may leave on either Friday evening or Saturday morning.

New or prospective members intending to go on any trip must sign up at club night or contact the trip leader in advance.

Social: 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 is informal, and tea and biscuits served. If you can give a presentation or have ideas, please contact Alan Ross 384-6425 or email alan.d.ross@orica.com. Please note that formalities start at 7:50 pm sharp, and if there is a guest speaker, he/she will start at 8:10 pm sharp.

WARNING: As a consequence of the earthquake, trip departure points and club meeting venue may have to be changed. Contact trip leaders for trip departure details and check the website for meeting venue information.

24/02/11	Club Night
Newsletter folding night: After we have dealt to the newsletter we will have some social time.	
Saturday 26 February	Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006
Ashley Gorge: Ashley Gorge is one of the best picnic spots in Canterbury and a popular place to explore. Depending on water levels we hope to do a bit of floating down the gorge, and getting wet is the whole point of the trip. Another opportunity to practice all that river crossing training? Great fun in the sun (we hope). Talk to the leader if you're not sure what's involved in this summer water trip, and come along for one of the club's most popular social outings	Grade: Easy+ (water trip) Closed: 24 Feb Map: L34 Approx: \$20

<p>Sunday 27 February Early start - contact leader.</p>	<p>Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 Bryce.Williamson@canterbury.ac.nz</p>
<p>Mons Sex Millia: Mons Sex Millia is 6000 ft high (hence the name - 'the 6000 bump' translates - roughly - to 'mons sex millia' in Latin) but for those of you used to this new-fangled metric system you get a rather-less-readily-translatable 1840m. It's a long day tramping (8-10 hours, and around 1200m height gain). Nice tarn to rest beside when you are almost at the top and - for the extra-fit - the option of returning via Garnet Peak. Note: early start.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closed: 24 Feb Map: N32 Approx: \$35</p>
<p>Tuesday 1 March</p>	<p>Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045 warwick.dowling@clear.net.nz</p>
<p>Stay fit for tramping: Keep fit for summer. No list - just turn up in the Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm sharp. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve some vigorous brisk climbing towards the summit road. The Mount Vernon Valley Track carpark entrance is found by going to the far end of Hillsborough Tce, continuing uphill along the Crescent for about 40m and then turning left at the gate. Note - do not park in the carpark but park in Hillsborough Tce (we return to the carpark after the gates are locked).</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate No list. Just turn up. Map: Approx:</p>
<p>Wednesday 2 March</p>	<p>Leader: Bruce Cameron (call between 6 and 8 pm) 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com</p>
<p>Social evening ambles: Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 6pm. Trip location usually decided the week before (carpool from PMH to start) but the aim is to have a social amble and explore the smaller local tracks and reserves. Max 2 hours of tramping and about 200m height gain. No list - just turn up.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy No list. Just turn up. Map: Approx: \$5</p>
<p>Thursday 3 March</p>	<p>Club Night</p>
<p>Half way round the World in 1 hour! Join Freddy (alias Alastair Brown) as he takes you on tramping adventures in USA, Canada, Wales, Scotland, Peru and even good old New Zealand. Exotic scenery, quirky weird bits, and everything in between awaits the viewer this evening.</p>	

Saturday 5 March Departure point: Shell, Papanui.		Leader: Bruce James 332-3473 Bruce.James@ihug.co.nz	
<p>Torlesse: After a stroll up the pretty little Kowai river to the huts we start the real thing - up the long southwest spur of Torlesse to the summit (1961m, about 1300m total height gain, which makes it a bit more strenuous than some moderate trips). Charles Torlesse, a surveyor for the Canterbury provincial government, was the first European to climb the slopes of the range around 1849. The first track over Porters Pass was made by a few keen men with picks and shovels 1858-9 - thinking how much hard work that was will make slogging up the last few hundred metres of the eponymous torlesse rock (aka weetbix) scree seem positively easy.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 3 Mar Map: L34 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 5-6 March		Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz	
<p>Mt St Patrick/San Jago: A good advert for Freshmap: this trip is on the corner of 3 or 4 of the standard sheets - much better to print off the section you need. Mt St Patrick is the peak above the Amuri Ski Field (Hanmer) and there is an interesting 14km ridge route from St James Station to Cow Stream passing Mt St Patrick and San Jago with about 1200m cumulative height gain. At Cow Stream is a nice camp site and a large but not very warm Hot Pool. Easy walk out on Sunday via a farm track.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closed: 24 Feb Map: M31 M32 N31 Approx: \$30	
Sunday 6 March Contact leader to confirm departure point.		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Coastal exploring: Maginness Road to Squally Bay: Another in the Banks Peninsula hilltops-and-bays series, this time right out towards Timutimu Head. We start at Maginness Road and work our way down to Squally Bay, then along the clifftops to Scenery Nook which was rained out last time we tried. The brave can cool off in the rockpool, others may settle for cliffs, seals, and blowholes.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 3 Mar Map: N37 Approx: \$25	
Sunday 6 March Contact leader to confirm departure point.		Leader: Jim Western 384-8950 jimwestern@xtra.co.nz	
<p>Woolshed Creek Hut, BusStop and Rhyolite Ridge: This tramp follows the Mt Somers Walkway from the Woolshed Creek carpark up through bush and then more open subalpine scrub to the new Mount Somers hut (350m of ascent). On the way we will take a look at the old coalmine workings - coal was discovered there in 1856 and mining continued until 1954. (Also in the area, but less likely to be spotted, is the rare Mt Somers weta - pretty distinctive with black and bright orange legs, white joints and antennae 12.5cm long.) From the Hut we'll go up to the Bus Stop Overhang (500m ascent from the Hut) and then down the Rhyolite Ridge Track back to the car park.</p>		Grade: EasyMod Closes: 3 Mar Map: K36 Approx: \$25	

Tuesday 8 March	Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045 warwick.dowling@clear.net.nz
<p>Stay fit for tramping: Keep fit for summer. No list - just turn up in the Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm sharp. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve some vigorous brisk climbing towards the summit road. The Mount Vernon Valley Track carpark entrance is found by going to the far end of Hillsborough Tce, continuing uphill along the Crescent for about 40m and then turning left at the gate. Note - do not park in the carpark but park in Hillsborough Tce (we return to the carpark after the gates are locked).</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate No list. Just turn up. Map: Approx:</p>
Wednesday 9 March	Leader: Bruce Cameron (call between 6 and 8 pm) 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<p>Social evening ambles: Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 6pm. Trip location usually decided the week before (carpool from PMH to start) but the aim is to have a social amble and explore the smaller local tracks and reserves. Max 2 hours of tramping and about 200m height gain. No list - just turn up.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy No list. Just turn up. Map: Approx: \$5</p>
Thursday 10 March	Club Night
<p>Day Packs: Please bring in your day pack. Tell us what you like or do not like about your pack. How many litres do you need for summer or winter? By request we will also have one packed for a day trip to give newer people an idea what should be carried on club day trips.</p>	
Saturday 12 March (and Friday evening, in town briefing) Note: meet Little River on Saturday)	Leader: Adrian Busby 325-5001
<p>Navigation Course: Learn those essential navigation skills - map, compass and the basics of using a GPS - on this navigation course. Recommended for all club members who feel a bit directionally and cartographically challenged at times. There will be a preparation session on Friday night, 7pm - 9.30 pm (probably at the Horticultural Hall) which you will need to attend as well as the practical day on Saturday. On Saturday we will meet at 9am at Little River. This will be a full day, learning skills and putting them into practice 'in the field' including not just map reading but real navigation in the hills. Normal full tramping gear, pack, lunch, etc required. An important part of the course will be the selection of suitable equipment (compasses, GPS etc). Last year's course proved very popular so get your name down early!</p>	<p>Grade: Training Closes: 10 Mar Map: N36 Approx: \$20</p>

Saturday 12 March
 Note meeting time and place

Leader: David Henson 942-3954
 david-henson@paradise.net.nz

<p>Governor's Bay - Bellbird- Crater Rim - Takahe: Which world cities offer scenic tramping/hill-walking opportunities just beyond their urban fringe using convenient public transport? In order of significance they are London, Sydney and Christchurch. The first two are a bit expensive for a day trip so our Port Hills specialist Dave Henson will lead a new trip using the new bus service to Governor's Bay. From the Bay we climb up tracks through Ohinetahi Bush to the Bellbird and thence along the Crater Rim Walkway and down Harry Ell's track to embus at the Takahe to return to the city. There may be a brief stop at our leader's favourite refreshment place, the revitalised Sign of the Kiwi. Meet at City Bus Exchange platform D1 (opposite Ballantynes) no later than 9.00 am to catch bus 14 at 9.09 am which connects with the 540 over the hill.</p>	<p>Grade: EasyMod Closes: 10 Mar Map: M36 Approx: Bus fare, or free with senior Gold Card</p>
--	--

Weekend 12-13 March

Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344

<p>Black Range: A trip to prove Mt Misery is ill-named (we hope). Up Pylon Gully to the saddle, climb Mt Misery then follow the ridge along to Pt 1911. From there we either drop into Long Valley Stream to camp or we continue on a bit to the tarn basin south of Pt 1854. On Sunday we have a short easy day back to the fleshpots of Springfield via Long Valley Stream and the Cass River.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 3 Mar Map: K34 Approx: \$35</p>
---	---

Sunday 13 March
 Departure point: Shell, Papanui.

Leader: Ruth Gray 374-4276

<p>Mt Bruce: Mt Bruce is a moderate tramp in the Lagoon Saddle area. Starting from Cora Lynn, you climb up through the beech forest and out onto open tussock. Good views from the top (1630m, or about 1000m height gain). There are a few different options for the route including descending into Broad Stream and picking up a very pleasant track back through the bush along the stream to Cora Lynn. This trip would suit people looking to step up from easy-moderate tramping - not too far, not too fast, not too high, no surprises, but still just a little bit more to challenge you ...</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 10 Mar Map: K34 Approx: \$25</p>
---	--

Tuesday 15 March		Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045 warwick.dowling@clear.net.nz	
<p>Stay fit for tramping: Keep fit for summer. No list - just turn up in the Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm sharp. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve some vigorous brisk climbing towards the summit road. The Mount Vernon Valley Track carpark entrance is found by going to the far end of Hillsborough Tce, continuing uphill along the Crescent for about 40m and then turning left at the gate. Note - do not park in the carpark but park in Hillsborough Tce (we return to the carpark after the gates are locked).</p>		Grade: Moderate No List. Just turn up. Map: Approx:	
Wednesday 16 March		Leader: Bruce Cameron (call between 6 and 8 pm) 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Social evening ambles: Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 6pm. Trip location usually decided the week before (carpool from PMH to start) but the aim is to have a social amble and explore the smaller local tracks and reserves. Max 2 hours of tramping and about 200m height gain. No list - just turn up.</p>		Grade: Easy No list. Just turn up. Map: Approx: \$5	
Thursday 17 March		Club Night	
<p>Milford Track + Fiordland by Ruth Gray: Slideshow of 2010 tramping trip on the Milford track described in 1908 as the 'finest walk in the world.' There will be pictures of Mackinnon Pass on a clear day and the Sutherland Falls. There will also be slides from a second visit to Fiordland and the West Coast in 2010.</p>			
Weekend 19-20 March (Leaving Friday evening)		Leader: Antony White 381-5993 phoenixantony@gmail.com	
<p>Mueller Hut: Drive down to Mt Cook on Friday night and stay at a camp ground at the start of the track. There is a leisurely walk up to the hut on Saturday, with options for venturing further if wanted. Walk back down on Sunday morning and back to Christchurch in the late afternoon. This is the third attempt to run this trip this summer, hopefully the weather is fine this time.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 10 Mar Map: H36 Approx: \$50+Accom	
Saturday 19 March Departure point: Shell, Papanui.		Leader: Chris Curry 351-5913	
<p>Harper River Pinnacles: The Pinnacles are hundreds of amazing tall mud-and-pebble pointy tower formations, created by some magical mixture of mud/geology/wind/water/whatever. They are right on the banks of the Harper River (Lake Coleridge area), making a lovely trip to walk about 11k up the river, cross, and explore. The walk in is basically flat, but there is the EasyMod option of a slightly longer loop for the return with a bit of up and down on a 4WD track.</p>		Grade: Easy or EasyMod Closes: 17 Mar Map: K34 Approx: \$20	

Weekend 19-20 March

Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196

St James Station MTB: This trip will be based at Hanmer and explore the trails in the St James Station by MTB, 4-8 hours moderate riding each day. Contact the leader early to arrange accommodation and bike transport! See

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/features-archive/st-james-cycle-trail>

Grade: Moderate
MTB

Closes: 10 Mar

Map: M31 M32

Approx: \$40 +
Accom



Sunday 20 March

7.30 start at the Caltex, Russley

Leader: Penny Coffey (phone before 8 pm please)

332-7182 Penny.Coffey@cdhb.govt.nz

Gargarus: Go to classical Greece for only \$25! The original Gargarus - as mentioned in Homer's 'The Iliad' - is the topmost peak of Mt Ida (also known as Kaz Dađý) in the environs of ancient Troy in what is now Turkey. Our Gargarus (1855m) - note opposite to Mt Ida! - is a very satisfying peak close to Lake Coleridge. There is about 1100m total height gain and it is reasonably steep, straight up the tussock and a bit stonier at the top. From the top you can look out over the lake or up the Harper, the Avoca and the Wilberforce, and eye up the Spurs and Oakden for another day ... We'll descend via Lake Lillian and loop back to the cars over Gargarus Saddle. Note 7.30 am start.

Grade: Moderate

Closes: 17 Mar

Map: K34

Approx: \$25

Tuesday 22 March

Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045

warwick.dowling@clear.net.nz

Stay fit for tramping: Keep fit for summer. No list - just turn up in the Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm sharp. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve some vigorous brisk climbing towards the summit road. The Mount Vernon Valley Track carpark entrance is found by going to the far end of Hillsborough Tce, continuing uphill along the Crescent for about 40m and then turning left at the gate. Note - do not park in the carpark but park in Hillsborough Tce (we return to the carpark after the gates are locked).

Grade: Moderate

No list. Just turn up.

Map:

Approx:

Wednesday 23 March Leader: Bruce Cameron (call between 6 and 8 pm)
338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>Social evening ambles: Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 6pm. Trip location usually decided the week before (carpool from PMH to start) but the aim is to have a social amble and explore the smaller local tracks and reserves. Max 2 hours of tramping and about 200m height gain. No list - just turn up.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy No list. Just turn up Map: Approx: \$5</p>
--	---

Thursday 24 March Club Night

Stewart Island: This summer Vicki Slade spent five weeks in paradise, as a voluntary hut warden at Port William and Mason Bay, Stewart Island. Come along to see the images she managed to capture when she was not creating what became known as the cleanest long drop on Stewart Island!

Saturday 26 March Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
Departure point: Shell, Papanui. Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>Western Saddle to Little River: We'll head out to Little River and drive up the Port Levy road to the saddle and start tramping from there - yes, almost no height gain on this trip - it's almost all down hill from the start! From the saddle we head into the Kaituna Spur Reserve, over pt 867, and then follow the ridge line towards High Bare Peak. We'll probably drop down before we actually get there, heading down one of the spurs to Little River again for teas and ice-creams.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 24 Mar Map: N36 Approx: \$20</p>
---	---

<p>Saturday 26 March</p>	<p>Leader: Lynette Hartley 338-0922 nikau@clear.net.nz</p>
<p>Wilding Pines Day 1 - Flock Hill East: It's that time of the year again when we are asked to volunteer to kill wilding pine trees. ECAN organise this and ask the tramping clubs to send people. We get a financial contribution to the club for everyone who comes out for a day's work. There are two options this year (this one, 26 March, and No Mans Land, Flock Hill, on Saturday 2nd April) . There will be trip lists and you can sign up for one or both. ECAN organise four wheel drives where necessary.</p> <p>Both days have a range of terrain with some easier country and some big areas of ground to cover. You are more than welcome to come on one or both days. ECAN supply appropriate hand tools but bring your own gloves, lunch, water etc. If you have a chainsaw and have done the safety course they are keen to hear from you but there is lots of work for people without chainsaws. Likewise anyone who wants to bring their 4WD to the Flock Hill East day and has the skills let the leader know (4WDs will be reimbursed).</p> <p>We need to give ECAN numbers so get your names down soon by signing up on the list at club or phoning the leader directly. We usually have a good turnout of members and it a rewarding day in every sense.</p>	<p>Grade: Work Closes: 24 Mar Map: K34 Approx: \$0</p>

<p>Sunday 27 March Early start - contact leader. Departure point: Caltex, Russley.</p>	<p>Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344 richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz</p>
<p>Mt Sinclair: Mt Sinclair (2065m) is on Mesopotamia Station, way up the Rangitata. From the top you can look right into the Two Thumb range, or out of the river toward Mt Harper... Sinclair goes one up on Harper though - it sports a beautiful lake in a little basin at about 1600m, which we'll visit on our way up (we have about 1300m height gain to get to the top) or down. It's named after Dr Sinclair, a past Colonial Secretary and amateur naturalist. In 1861, after his retirement, he joined von Haast (who was surveying the Rangitata River system) at Mesopotamia Station. On 25 March 1861 Sinclair was drowned in the river while trying to get to the homestead of Samuel Butler. His grave is marked on the map, about a quarter of a mile from the river and in front of the Mesopotamia homestead. Early start - contact leader.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 24 Mar Map: J36 Approx: \$30</p>

Tuesday 29 March		Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045 warwick.dowling@clear.net.nz	
<p>Stay fit for tramping: Keep fit for summer. No list - just turn up in the Mt Vernon car park at 6:00pm sharp. We take different routes depending on how we feel on the evening, but they all involve some vigorous brisk climbing towards the summit road. The Mount Vernon Valley Track carpark entrance is found by going to the far end of Hillsborough Tce, continuing uphill along the Crescent for about 40m and then turning left at the gate. Note - do not park in the carpark but park in Hillsborough Tce (we return to the carpark after the gates are locked).</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate No list. Just turn up. Map: Approx:</p>	
Wednesday 30 March		Leader: Bruce Cameron (call between 6 and 8 pm) 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Social evening ambles: Meet at Princess Margaret Hospital at 6pm. Trip location usually decided the week before (carpool from PMH to start) but the aim is to have a social amble and explore the smaller local tracks and reserves. Max 2 hours of tramping and about 200m height gain. No list - just turn up.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy No list. Just turn up. Map: Approx: \$5</p>	
Thursday 31 March		Club Night	
<p>Newsletter Folding Night: After we have dealt to the newsletter folding we will have some social time.</p>			
Saturday 2 April		Leader: Bruce James 332-3473 Bruce.James@ihug.co.nz	
Departure point: Shell, Papanui.			
<p>Mt Hamilton to Mt Wall: Why stop at Hamilton Peak? A bit of a variation on the classic Craigieburn ascent, this tramp will climb via Camp Saddle to Hamilton Peak (1822m) above the Broken River ski field and then carry on with a scrambly traverse of the rocky ridge-top to Mt Wall (1874m). Descending from Mt Wall, we'll use one of the best shingle slides in the area to come right down almost to the ski field road close to the cars again. A more adventurous moderate trip with the usual impressive Craigieburn scenery and views.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 31 Mar Map: K34 Approx: \$30</p>	
Weekend 2-3 April		Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000 kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz	
<p>Lilburne Hill, Youngman Stream Hut: Ken is going to lead a trip into the Youngman Stream Hut via the Ashley river. There will be options for the return on the Sunday with some going out over Lilburne Hill and Tarn Hut and some returning down the river. This is a good trip for people wanting to step up to a weekend trip. Talk to Ken for details.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 24 Mar Map: L34 Approx: \$20</p>	

Saturday 2 April		Leader: Lynette Hartley 338-0922 nikau@clear.net.nz	
<p>Wildling Pines Day 2 - No Mans Land, Flock Hill: It's that time of the year again when we are asked to volunteer to kill wildling pine trees. ECAN organise this and ask the tramping clubs to send people. We get a financial contribution to the club for everyone who comes out for a day's work. There are two options this year (this one, 2 April and an earlier one on 26 March to Flock Hill East). There will be trip lists and you can sign up for one or both. ECAN organise four wheel drives for access where necessary.</p> <p>Both days have a range of terrain with some easier country and some big areas of ground to cover. You are more than welcome to come on one or both days. ECAN supply appropriate hand tools but bring your own gloves, lunch, water etc. If you have a chainsaw and have done the safety course they are keen to hear from you but there is lots of work for people without chainsaws. Likewise anyone who wants to bring their 4WD to the Flock Hill East day and has the skills let the leader know (4WDs will be reimbursed).</p> <p>We need to give ECAN numbers so get your names down soon by signing up on the list at club or phoning the leader directly. We usually have a good turnout of members and it a rewarding day in every sense.</p>		Grade: Work Closes: 31 Mar Map: K34 Approx: \$0	
Weekend 2-3 April		Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz	
<p>Casey Hut: Follow Andrews Stream to Hallelujah Flat or take the track if you prefer dry feet. Carry on over the very gentle Casey Saddle and drop into Casey Stream or stick to the track again. We will stay at the comfortable Casey Hut and return via Casey Saddle instead of completing the loop via Binser Saddle. The river option is available in low flows only. This is a good trip if you want to step up to weekend trips.</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 24 Mar Map: L33 Approx: \$30	
Sunday 3 April		Leader: Joy Schroeder 351-4655	
Departure point: Shell, Papanui.			
<p>Birdlings Flat and the Southern Bays: Refresh your spirits with some salt air and sea breezes. Birdlings Flat is an amazing spit of land forming the southern edge of Lake Ellesmere. Agates and other interesting stones have often been found on the pebbly beach. This trip will explore the Southern Bays on the coastline to the east of Birdlings Flat: Oashore Bay, Tokoroa Bay, Hikuraki Bay. There are options for the return depending on the group's inclinations.</p>		Grade: Easy+ Closes: 31 Mar Map: M36 M37 Approx: \$15	

Thursday 7 April	Club Night
<p>Survival Adventure in Ladakh! In July and August last year, Philip and Margie joined an FMC travel club trip to Ladakh, in the Indian Himalaya. As with most FMC trips, it had an itinerary with dates and places to visit. However, Huey intervened, and the trip became a survival adventure.</p>	
Weekend 9-10 April	Leader: Jim Western 384-8950 jimwestern@xtra.co.nz
<p>Temple Col: Temple Col is about 900m up from the highway, partly along the very friendly zig-zag path up to the Temple Basin Ski area - perfectly placed for morning tea. Above ski club huts, the last part of the climb is a bit steeper, and then we are on the ridge between Phipps and Blimit, trying to see the route down to Goat Pass Hut. Lake Mavis is an option for the morning before traveling down the Mingha River.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 31 Mar Map: K33 Approx: \$35</p>
Saturday 9 April (Early start - contact leader.) Departure point: Caltex, Russley	Leader: Kerrie Maynard 386-2850
<p>Mt Wall the EasyModerate version: Kerrie and Scott are aiming to lead an Easy-Moderate version of the Mt Wall trip. There is still about 900m of height gain and some scrambling along the rocky tops, but we aim to get an early start and be able to take our time negotiating it all. If you are a confident Easy Moderate tramper, sure on your feet, who would like to try something a bit more interesting, give this one a go. No list at club - please phone the leader directly. Probably early start, departing from the Caltex, Russley.</p>	<p>Grade: EasyMod+ Closes: 7 Apr Map: K34 Approx: \$30</p>
Sunday 10 April Departure point: Shell, Papanui.	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<p>Virginia Peak: This trip to Virginia Peak continues our exploration of the area to the south of Lake Sumner (Mt Noble, etc etc). Here we park at Virginia and ascend to Virginia Peak (986m, about 400m height gain). Some of it is reasonably steep but we should have plenty of time... From the Peak we head north-west along the ridge towards The Monument (954m) and then descend back to the cars on the convenient farm track.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy+ Closes: 7 Apr Map: M33 Approx: \$20</p>

Sunday 10 April (Early start - contact leader.) Leader: David Sutton 348 5998
 Departure point: Shell, Papanui. dauidstutton@clear.net.nz

<p>Mt Hutt: Trampers don't need chairlifts! We are hoping to get permission to go up Mt Hutt from one of the spurs off Double Hill Road, which would give us a nice little work-out of about 1600m height gain - a great trip for extra-fit trampers. Interestingly (or perhaps not), Mt Hutt is apparently not named after William Hutt (1801 - 1882, Director and Chairman of the New Zealand Company), whom the north islanders chose to recognise with Hutt-related place names, but after John Hutt (1795-1880) - he was William's brother, governor of Western Australia, and a foundation member of the Canterbury Association.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 7 Apr Map: K35 Approx: \$30</p>
---	--

Thursday 14 April Club Night

Annual General Meeting: The 79th Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Tramping Club Inc. will be held at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre, South Hagley Park, 57 Riccarton Avenue on Thursday 14 April 2011 at 7.30 pm, with doors open at 7.00 pm. See the last page for the formal notice. Notices of motions must be received by the Secretary by 17 March 2011.

Saturday 16 April Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
 Departure point: Shell, Papanui.

<p>Ryde Falls: This trip in the lovely Mt Oxford Forest is suitable for families and everyone looking for a relaxing social tramp. We'll follow the well-benched track from the car park through the beech forest, looking out for the scattered rimu and the splashes of colour from the red and yellow-leaved horopito. There's plenty of bird life as well, from the ubiquitous robins and fan-tails to the sound of the bell-birds and maybe even a rifleman. The falls themselves - three cascades - are above a beautiful deep pool. Plenty of time to look around, explore and socialise.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/family Closes: 14 Apr Map: L34 Approx: \$20</p>
---	---

Long Weekend 22-24 April Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
 (could be Sat-Mon) thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz

<p>Hawdon - Edwards: Experience a great back country trip at an easy pace. Day one is easy river travel up the Hawdon and a short climb to a tarn just below Walker Pass (12km distance, 500m vertical). On the second day we will head down into the west branch of the Otehake River and then climb up an unnamed creek to Tarn Col. We will either camp at Tarn Col or descent into the Edwards valley (3-6km distance, 400m vertical). The last day we will follow the track down the Edwards to the road (10km). We will run this on an easy pace, but you will have to carry part of a tent, food for 3 days and cold weather gear, and you will get wet feet each day as there are dozens of easy river crossings each day. This trip might move to Saturday if the weather looks better or to a different location if the rivers are in flood.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy+ Closes: 14 Apr Map: K33 Approx: \$40</p>
---	---

Trip Reports

14-16 January 2011

Mt Arthur Tablelands Circuit



Mt Arthur



Salisbury Rock Shelter

After a weather-check on Friday evening the trip to Mueller Hut had to be postponed to the disappointment of all who had been looking forward to this event for a long time. But everyone who decided to go home instead missed a wonderful trip on the Tablelands Circuit!

The reduced number of 4 motivated trampers went off North and spent the night near the Maruia Falls (the female part in a tent, the male part outside). After a sleep-in and a wonderful breakfast in Murchison we arrived just before noon at the Flora Carpark and made our way through beautiful bush, along caves, limestone and marble rocks up to Mt Arthur Hut where we decided to have lunch enjoying the views towards the Nelson coast.

Just after the hut we reached the timberlane and our path now led along sinkholes, tussockgrass and small flowers everywhere.

After having discovered some rare flowers in one of the sinkholes on the way towards Mt Arthur, we decided to enjoy watching the flowers (Jonathan), watching the people who were watching the flowers (Cathy and Carolin), or watching the landscape while lying in the tussockgrass (Antony) instead of climbing up Mount Arthur. After a while when it had already gotten quite late we went on over the windy mountain ridge and through waist-high tussock grass to Gordons Pyramid with astonishing views over the surrounding valleys, mountains and even an orchard could be seen in a valley.

The path went on through a magical forest until we reached Salisbury Lodge where we enjoyed the sunshine and the beautiful view over the Arthur Range outside the hut. By sunset Anthony, Cathy and Carolin had a walk through a gorge to a dark cave only Antony was brave enough to really explore while the two girls preferred taking pictures of him creeping through :) We spent the night in (or as Jonathan preferred outside of) comfortable Salisbury Lodge (electric light in the bathroom!) and made our way back towards Flora Carpark the next morning.

The weather was still beautiful, and our way led gently down passing several rock shelters,

well-equipped rock overhangs with toilets, mattresses, campfires and one even with a swing-couch!

Along Flora Stream we passed Flora Hut, one of the oldest huts where originally men and women had separate bedrooms, and arrived at the carpark at midday where a curious weka was already waiting for us.

At the end of our trip all of us agreed that the weekend could not have been more relaxing and enjoyable!

Trampers: Antony White (Leader), Jonathan Carr, Cathy Batchelor, Carolin Heidt (Scribe)

30 January 2011

Mt Somers Challenge: Results and Winner Photos

Name	No. [†]	Start Time	Finish Time	Trip time	Placing		Over Line	Time penalty
					F	M		
Jean Paul Lilburne	109R	09:55:30	13:29:40	03:34:10		*	1	
Charles Afford	110R	09:55:30	13:40:00	03:44:30		1	2	
Steve Bruerton	107R	09:55:30	13:40:21	03:44:51		2	3	
Max de Lacey	106R	09:55:30	13:50:20	03:54:50		3	6	
Antony White	107R	09:55:30	14:23:20	04:27:50		4	7	5
Kees de Jager	105R	09:55:30	14:24:44	04:29:14		5	8	5
Jonathan Carr	112R	09:55:30	14:37:49	04:42:19		6	9	
Alastair Brown		09:55:30	14:42:00	04:46:30		7	10	
Kieran McGuigan	10T	09:00:30	13:48:12	04:47:42		8	5	
Clive Marsh	102R	09:55:30	14:49:25	04:53:55		9	11	5
Ian Dunn	04T	08:47:30	13:43:18	04:55:48		10	4	
Linda Lilburne	104R	09:55:30	15:01:27	05:05:57	1		14	5
Naomi Wells	103R	09:55:30	15:06:35	05:11:05	2		15	
Andrew Tromans	05T	08:47:30	14:46:25	05:58:55		11	12	
Richard Lobb	08T	08:58:30	15:01:30	06:03:00		12	13	
Rodney Erikson	03T	08:51:30	15:56:40	07:05:10		13	16	
Bernhard Parawa	11T	09:02:30	16:36:28	07:33:58		14	17	
Melissa Barber	09T	08:58:30	16:32:33	07:34:03	*		18	
Carl McKay	01T	08:55:30	16:37:18	07:41:48		15	19	

* non-member, so no official placing

Participants stopping at Mt Somers Hut:

Martin Brown	113R	09:55:30	N/A	
Jane Russo	111R	09:55:30	N/A	Non Member
Steven Heald	02T	08:50:30	N/A	
Cathleen McGaw	07T	08:58:30	N/A	Non Member
Nikki Wells	06T	08:58:30	N/A	Non Member

[†] R = Runner, T = Trampler



Charles



Jean-paul



Linda

February 2011

Aunty Iceaxe in Motion

Aunty Ice Axe has long acknowledged that it is pointless to try to keep pace with the modern world. In an age where the term 'obsolete' has been redefined to mean "a different-shape model with a hipper-sounding name for twice the price was released five seconds ago", it is easier both on the wallet and the recycling bin just to pedal along in the bicycle lane of life. If this means not so much being overtaken by events as being lapped by them, then so be it. Concerned friends have informed Aunty that very shortly all communication will take place via electronic devices, and you will look to your loved one's Facebook page to inform you how the relationship is going for them. Aunty remains resolutely outside the pale of modern technology – at least until a mobile phone has been developed that can fix the communicant with a look approximating an Aunt-level cocktail of paint-stripper and glacial ice.

The modern obsession with speed is entirely alien to Aunty's sense of what is fit and right. Consider the removal of the one-lane bridges which used to decorate our highways: Whatever it is about Greymouth that justifies spending millions of dollars so that we can get there 2 minutes faster has certainly so far escaped Aunty's notice. And why is it a benefit that your boss knows how to contact you anywhere 24 hours a day?

A tramping club is therefore a natural Aunt environment – travel at a decorous pace, robustness and durability respected over slim-line racing-snake speed, gore-tex the fashion-fabric of choice, and a committee dedicated to ensuring that nothing changes without exhaustive discussion of every angle... Thus when a 'Round Mt Somers' event was mooted three years ago Aunty was content to stand by and let the idea die its natural and well-deserved death, throw a thankful hypocritical wreath onto the grave, and carry on as before.

Imagine the shock to even as robust and durable a frame as the redoubtable Aunt's when, by the second year of the event, the idea had not only refused to expire gracefully but had

grown and seemed to have almost the entire club held, laocoön-like, in its serpent coils. It is a reliable oppressed-Aunt maxim that, if you can't beat them in a fair fight, then assume protective camouflage and boldly step into the enemy camp to see what can be done with some undermining from the inside... Aunty duly signed up to participate in the 2010 event.

With a build more suited to a boarding-school matron or Soviet-bloc shot-put champion than a runner, Aunty wisely suppressed any passing temptation toward lycra and was initially determined to tramp the course at the kind of brisk but dignified pace suited to an Aunt who, say, has only five minutes to get to the bar before last orders. However, safely away from (i.e., well behind) the rest of the field, even Aunty gave way to the urge to gallop on the more tractable and downward sloping parts of the course. (Unkind suggestions that the subsequent earthquake was precipitated by the resulting seismic disturbances have been entirely refuted by the same experts who thought that foundations were an optional extra for building on a reclaimed swamp...) By the end of the race, Aunty Ice-Axe was hooked – once revived after diving head-first across the finish-line, she could think of nothing but bettering her time the following year.

Some considerable adjustment to the usual regime was clearly required of an Aunt whose previous notion of a balanced diet had been a piece of chocolate cake in each hand. However, secure in the knowledge that alcohol is very high calorie (and Aunty's own patent Old Growler can out-gun even double-fudge cheesecake in the killer-joule stakes) and that the protein requirement could be taken care of by the matutinal raw-egg hangover-jalop, Aunty was able to combine both the exercise and diet components of her training program by substituting regular punishing sprints to the bar for the previous brisk and dignified last orders pace. Nobody could have described the result as poetry in motion unless they were a fan of the more dissonant beat poets but Aunty was confident of the effectiveness of her approach.

The popularity this year's Mt Somers Challenge showed the far-sightedness of this conversion to the faster forms of foot-travel: club members more resolute even than Aunty in their avoidance of all things modern had signed up to take part. The fame of event had even spread far enough to attract considerable interest from outside the club. Indeed there was a potentially awkward moment when one of these non-members cantered home a comfortable ten minutes or so ahead of the rest of the field. Fortunately the organisers, acting with commendable despatch, immediately disqualified him on the grounds of being first (with great generosity of spirit however, they did later award him the 'first back before the winner' prize and one of the coveted tee-shirts).

Aunty was slightly disappointed that the training program did not produce the expected results in terms of turn of speed, but she remains a convert to the benefits of pounding determinedly around the less-frequented and more geologically-robust parks of the city in custom-made extra-large-plus-bunion-space running shoes in bright pink (horses sweat, men perspire, women glow, and Aunts in motion match their shoes...). However, she sees no need to supplement the exercise by texting a cacophony of mutilated consonants as she moves. Nor does she have to be plugged into an i-noise to be capable of sustaining even an Aunt version of rhythm and movement (although Beethoven's Fifth might be suitable if the need for musical accompaniment ever arose). The fine line between graceful adaptation to the modern age and complete capitulation is still assiduously patrolled by Aunty Ice Axe in motion.

Mt Potts



Scrog stop



Pink-tinged foothills

I really should be old enough to know better than to sign up for a 1500m height gain tramp with a leader who runs to work and back and did the Coast to Coast last year - and I am certainly old enough to be shattered by the experience. Perhaps it was just that it was incredibly hot nor-west day? Yeah right. We left town early to try to avoid the worst of the wind, and fate and an unexpected gully decreed that we did much of the ascent on the ski road. When we reached the wreckage of the old Erewhon Park skifield buildings (Samuel Butler on skis??) Max 'MetService' De Lacey worked hard to persuade us to head pretty much straight up onto pt 2045 rather than the delicate sidling manoeuvre that Freddie had had in mind - 'wind - there won't be any wind up there - the wind won't get up until much later ...'

He was mostly right about that in fact - the breeze we did encounter was more refreshing than flattening, and the 'interesting' nature of the ridge (i.e. a broken jagged mess of gendarmes, scrambles, haulings-up and careful-lowerings-down, looseness and sidlings) was just on the right side of my usual 'if I go up will I be able to get down?' criterion. It was so pleasant at lunch that Greg showed a distinct tendency to just want to go to sleep in the sun. By the time we reached Mt Potts itself, however, the wind was definitely strengthening.

The plan was to descend via the long southern spur that we normally go up, but the combination of the increasing wind and the horrible lumpy this-is-definitely-not-scrree slopes sent Arno and Liz questing for easier travel further down towards into the stream. Max, Chris, Greg and I opted for the devil we knew, and Freddie hovered between the two groups like a schizophrenic sheepdog. By the time our subgroup reached the scrub line it was baking hot and we were well spread out down the slope. Max allowed Greg and me to catch up with him a few hundred metres further down and we grew truly concerned about the effect of the sun on him when he said he would wait for Chris, but he explained this uncharacteristic behaviour by saying that he needed to make sure that Chris did not head off the wrong way because he (Chris) was in his (Max's) car and he did not want to have to wait longer for him to be found again. Liz was later sighted with Freddie, Arno seemed to have given up on the stream and be heading back our way, so Greg and I continued down through the final matagouri belt - I limp and limping from the descent, Greg apparently fresh as a daisy.

Max appeared back at the cars shortly after we did, having recaptured the errant Chris and towed him down. Freddie and Liz strolled up after that, and Arno battled his way out of the scrub a little while later. Tea in Rakaia went some way to restoring me to membership of the human race and all in all it was a wonderful day - classic Canterbury weather in a classic Canterbury environment, and tramping with a great group.

Trampers: Alastair Brown, Liz Stephenson, Arno Grueber, Chris Bamford, Greg Hill, Max De Lacey, Jenny Harlow

Classifieds

Classified Ads: Are available to CTC members at no charge.

FMC Pack Liners: The FMC have revamped their pack liners, which can be ordered directly from the FMC. An order form can be found at:

<http://www.fmc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Forms/Pack%20Liner%20Order%20110112.pdf>

More about the CTC

Club Officers

<i>President:</i>	Warwick Dowling	981-2045	<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Jenny Harlow	349-2280
<i>Senior Vice President:</i>	Rex Vink	352-5329	<i>Weekend Trip Organiser:</i>	Thomas Matern	385-3507
<i>Junior Vice President:</i>	Malcolm Carr	960-5281	<i>Social Convenor:</i>	Alan Ross	384-6425
<i>Secretary:</i>	Cathy Harlow	349-2280	<i>Editor:</i>	Richard Lobb	351-2344
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Antony White	381-5993	<i>Hut Convenor:</i>	Lynda Watson	981-7929
<i>Club Captain:</i>	Jim Western	384-8950			
<i>New Members Rep:</i>	Janet Spittlehouse	981-1944			

Our Club Hut: In the Arthur's Pass township, with all the comforts of home including real showers and inside flushing loos (BYO toilet paper!), but with the mountains at the back door. 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 Dave Watson 981-7929; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352-5329; or if they're both away, Andrew Wrapson 980-6006. Hut fees are \$10 member, \$10 member's partner, \$20 non-member, \$5 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Dave.

Please have stuff for the next newsletter to the editor
(editor@ctc.org.nz) by 27 March 2011 – Thanks

Christchurch Tramping Club (INCORPORATED)
79th Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 79TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB (Incorporated) WILL BE HELD AT THE CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, SOUTH HAGLEY PARK, 57 RICCARTON AVENUE (ENTRANCE OPPOSITE THE HOSPITAL) ON:

THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2011 AT 7.30PM
(DOORS OPEN FROM 7PM)

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the minutes from the 78th Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters arising from the minutes.
3. Presentation of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2011.
4. Election of Committee for the ensuing year.

Committee

President

Senior Vice-President

Junior Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Editor

Club Captain

Weekend Trip Organiser

Day Trip Organiser

Hut Convenor

Gear Custodian

Social Convenor

Club Patron

And a maximum of 6 other members

5. Election of Honorary Auditor.
6. Notified motions
7. General business