



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Enjoying the snow on Mons Sex Millia trip

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 \$45 member, \$65 couple, \$25 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.

News

New Members Welcome: We welcome 2 new members to the club: Alexandra Smedley and James Hopkins. Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO CLUB MEMBERS: Who has the second set of keys to the clubrooms? When Alan Ross went off to the Hymalayas last year his set of keys were given to a senior club member, someone in town who would be a regular attender on Thursday nights! Members of the commitee have quietly asked around as to who has the keys to no avail! The person who was given a bunch of keys surely must remember! Please search your pockets, car ashtrays, glove compartments etc. mostly probably your memories! Please note that the keys were handed over on Thursday October 13th 2011, the same night Rob Brown did a talk about the FMC, does this jog your memory? This really is no joke as rightly so the Horticultural Society are very annoyed that the security of their building is now in question. CHECK NOW.

Trip Costs: It has come to my attention that one or more trip leaders are not working out the actual car costs based on the club rates, but are instead relying on the newsletter estimate of the personal trip cost. This practice often ends up being unfair to either the drivers or the passengers, as the actual personal trip cost can be plus or minus 30% or so from the newsletter estimate, depending on the number of people relative to the number of cars, the actual distance travelled, and the engine size of the cars. Drivers and passengers alike rely on the trip leader to calculate the actual trip cost - nobody knows how accurate the newsletter estimate is until the actual trip cost calculation is done. Drivers take their cars based on the expectation that they will be paid at the club rates, not on the newsletter estimate. So, feel free to ask your trip leader "have you calculated the actual trip cost?". Be suspicious of leader requests that passengers pay the drivers direct, as this can only work if all cars have the same number of passengers and all cars are of the same engine size band (within the table of club rates that are stapled behind the trip list). I expect trip leaders to work out the personal trip cost to the nearest \$1 (not the nearest \$5). It can then be up to the passengers, if they want to pay more, to round up to the next \$5.

Warwick Dowling

CTC President.

Roy Evans joined the Club in 1934 and soon made his mark as a first class movie photographer. Recording for the pleasure of his club-mates many of the Club's trips. In spite of certain severe physical handicaps, Roy was always available for a Club evening. Anything for the good of the Club would be readily and cheerfully undertaken by Roy. It is not surprising that when the Club needed a secretary in 1936 Roy, although a busy man with his own commercial art business, undertook the job. His skill at writing the club bulletin, often illustrated with little cartoons, combined with his cheerfulness did much to increase the membership and well being of the club. Roy held office as Secretary/Editor for ten years. Roy was also Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Youth Hostel Association when it was struggling for recognition in Canterbury. Roy died in 1963 and the Roy Evans Trophy for the photographic competition is awarded in his memory. Roy married Lily Buchanan, another club member in 1947.

Throughout the war his "Club Chatter" section of the Bulletin recorded the fate of those in war areas; who was in the armed forces, wounded, killed, POWs, furloughs, engagement, marriages, and births to Club members, who was in hospital with illnesses, had suffered bereavements and in very many ways kept the "family" nature of the Club to the fore.

Roy also designed the first Club emblem for "Te Hapu Koa".

Christchurch Tramping Club Photography Competition 2012: Entries are now being taken for the Roy Evans Memorial Trophy Photography Competition. To be eligible you need to be a paid up member of the Christchurch Tramping Club. All entries are to be in by Thursday 6th September 2012. The format is ideally to be as follows; 1024 pixels x 768pixels either in landscape or portrait form. You can bring the photos into the club and download onto the club PC via a memory stick or CD or email you entries to Malcolm Carr to the following email address; malcolmcarr@clear.net.nz Please make sure you have your name attached, along with the category you wish to photograph to be in, and any details you wish to attach to it (such as a title, where/when it was taken etc). Label each entry/email with CTC Photo Comp 2012. Categories; 1. Humour 2. Above the bush line 3. Below the bush line 4. Landscape (people can be included in this photograph) 5. Nature Judging will commence after the newsletter has been folded on Thursday 27th September And will be judged by Scott Fowler.

Tramper of the Month: Dave Cockeram

Give us the short summary about yourself - job, family, where you are from, etc...

I was born in Doncaster, South Yorkshire and dragged up in Leeds, West Yorkshire, England. After a 22 year career in the Royal Navy in the Marine Engineering Department I attended university as a mature student, reading Sociology and then later Community Justice when training as a Probation Officer. I came to NZ to work as a Probation Officer; however I gave this up 2 months ago and am now working with Downer on road maintenance. I've been married and have grown up daughter, Becky, in the UK. I'm now living with Liz (the other CTC New Members Rep). I have three surviving brothers and a sister in the UK.



When did you join the CTC?

01/08/08

How did you find out about the CTC?

Web search after arriving in NZ.

Did you tramp before joining the CTC?

In fits and starts due to a career in the Royal Navy. The majority of my tramping was in the Yorkshire Dales and South Downs prior to moving to NZ.

What are your favourite day tramps?

The best ever has to be Monte d'Oro, Corsica; however Mt Somers has to be one of the most enjoyable in NZ. My favourite longer tramp is the Milford Track.

Who had the biggest influence on your early tramping days?

My older brother Bob Cockeram.

What's your role in the Club?

I am joint New Members Rep, with Liz.

What is your favourite hut?

I've only done 1 over night and 2 multi day tramps. The Club Hut is pretty good - has showers and flushing toilets.

Future trips?

I've only got the Basic Snow Safety Course planned at the moment.

Have any interesting or funny things happened to you while tramping?

I managed a full somersault with day pack on, landing upright on feet when coming down scree; my partner was impressed, I was relieved. I also fell off the Pinchgut hut track into bushes when busy cackling to others on the tramp.

What interests or hobbies do you have, other than tramping?

I am a member of the 1907 Tug Lyttleton Preservation Society and joined in the Canterbury Caving Club meet at Easter this year. My overall passion is travelling, but work continues to get in the way...

Calendar of trips and Social Events

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, club trips depart either from 'Z' Carlton Corner Service Station (formerly Shell) 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 'Z' 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.

Leaders: At the end of your trips please send the number of trampers to Sam Cook via Ph/Txt 021 1608496 or email sfcnzl@gmail.com.

Thursday 26 July	Club Night
<p>Newsletter Night at the George Hotel Reception Area: Please note that the club rooms are booked out, so we are meeting to have a coffee at the George Hotel, 50 Park Terrace (corner of Peterborough Street) from 7.30 pm onwards. Some seating will be reserved near the reception area. People are encouraged to purchase a coffee etc, as the reservation is at no charge to the club. Next week we will be back at our normal meeting rooms.</p>	
Saturday 28 July	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Tecbruce@gmail.com
<p>Cashmere Valley to Sign of the Kiwi: A series of SUPER EASY tramps in the Port Hills. Start, PMH off road to join Worsleys Track at 280m, up to Marleys Hill 502m (6m higher than Sugarloaf) for lunch. Return via Mitchells track to Sign of the Kiwi (Coffee or icecream for the brave) onto Harry Elle back to PMH via other walkways. Back by 3PM! Hows that for an easy day & you can even sleep in! Suitable for backpacks & kids 6 and older in good weather. Distance 10Km. Height gain 500m NOTE LATE 10AM START from PMH, Cashmere Rd & Bengal St. corner.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/family Closes: 26 Jul Map: BX24 Approx: \$10</p>

Saturday 28 July		Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006	
<p>Mt Grey: Mt Grey is one of the most accessible of the bumps in the northern foothills and makes a popular easy/moderate trip. There are a variety of routes but one of the best goes from the Grey River carpark up the river and then up a spur to the northwest of the peak itself using the Red Beech track, curving back southwards on the ridge to the summit of Mt Grey itself (934m). There is about 600m of height gain on this route, which is about 7k each way. The bush on this track is beautiful - as well as the eponymous red beech it includes totara, matai, rimu and some kahikatea.</p>		Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 26 Jul Map: BW23 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 28-29 July		Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196	
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui			
<p>Basic Snowcraft Course: An introduction to the basic snow skills needed by any club member wishing to head into the high country over winter. The course covers the use of iceaxe and crampons, basic avalanche awareness, winter survival techniques and snow shelters. Ice axe, crampons and helmet required; these can be hired from the gear custodian get in quick with your bookings or you will have to hire gear from the mountaineering shops in town. Contact leader for additional gear requirements. Gear check (appropriate boots, etc) will be at club night on Thurs 26th. Or as agreed with leader if you can't make it in on Thursday. Leaving town Saturday morning for the Craigieburn area. Saturday night will be at the Club hut at Arthurs Pass. Sunday back to the Cragiburns then home. This course is available only to full club members.</p>		Grade: Training Closes: 19 Jul Map: BV20 Approx: \$60	
Sunday 29 July		Leader: Clive Marsh 325-6253	
<p>Mt Lancelot: Mt Lancelot is 2112m high, and is on the Jellicoe Ridge between Mt Rolleston & Guinevere. We will tackle this starting at the Klondyke corner, head up the Crow, and on to the ridge from here. Early start as this will be a long day. Ice Axe, Crampons and Helmet is required.</p>		Grade: Moderate+ (requires snow skills) Closes: 26 Jul Map: BV20 Approx: \$30	
Thursday 2 August		Club Night	
<p>Tramping in the North Island: James Hopkins takes us on some of his favourite and memorable North Island tramping trips. Those of us that live on the "Mainland" often forget there are plenty of interesting trips to do north of the strait, and in country that is quite unique, and challenging. Come and be tempted to venture north the next time you are thinking of doing an extended trip.</p>			

Saturday 4 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com
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<p>Mount Cotton: Located in Cottons Sheep Range at the northwest end of Lake Coleridge is Mount Cotton (1470m). Ideal chance to become familiar with those snow skills, newly acquired or otherwise on an easy tramp. Height gain over 5Km is a kilometer, starting out on farm tracks which will disappear under a covering of snow. The rewarding view of the Coleridge basin second only to the much more technical Mt. Oakden from this normally easy-mod tramp reduced to an Easy Pace. Requires Snow Skills, axes & crampons. Order from gear custodian clubnight 26July Distance 10Km. Height gain 1000m</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/Mod (Requires Snow Skills)</p> <p>Closes: 2 Aug</p> <p>Map: BW20</p> <p>Approx: \$25</p>
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Saturday 4 August	Leader: Adrian Busby 325-5001
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<p>Trip Leaders Course: All you needed to know about running trips but were afraid to ask. A course for leaders and aspiring leaders to learn the skills of running trips. Trip planning, weather monitoring, choosing suitable trip members and equipment. Assessing situations, setting priorities, making decisions and taking effective action. Evaluating and minimizing risks. Using different styles of leadership for different situations. Handling challenges, conflicts and accidents. Managing people in groups with a range of abilities. Doing all that and still enjoying the trip!. A combination of classroom and outdoor training - come along and be challenged. Start at 9am at the Horticulture Centre where we normally meet on Thursdays.</p>	<p>Grade: Training</p> <p>Closes: 2 Aug</p> <p>Map:</p> <p>Approx: \$0</p>
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Sunday 5 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui	Leader: Antony White 381-5993
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<p>Bealey Spur to Jordon River: There will be an early start of 7am, and it will be a long day. The plan is that we will head up the Bealey Spur, past the hut, and up to point 1875. Then, we will proceed down to the Jordan Saddle, down the stream to Turkey Flat and head back to the car. This will be a distance of around 26km, and a height gain of about 1300m. I did this in February this year, however it was cloudy for most of the way, so I'm hoping to get some views this time!</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate</p> <p>Closes: 2 Aug</p> <p>Map: BV20</p> <p>Approx: \$25</p>
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Thursday 9 August	Club Night
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<p>Map reading: Bring a long a compass, GPS (if you have one), a coat, torch, pen and paper. Test your knowledge of maps and map reading, along with the basic use of a GPS. We may go outside for a short period of time, so remember to bring some warm clothing.</p>
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Saturday 11 August		Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Tecbruce@gmail.com
<p>Lake Coleridge Potluck Picnic Lunch: On the shores of a picturesque lake located above the Rakaia River. Starting from the Coleridge Power House, do a quick loop to the Rakaia (300m), up through the arboretum to the penstocks ascending them to the surge chambers giving us a super views of the Rakaia River valley including its south side hills. Its then an easy walk over flat(ish) farm country (590m) to the shores of lake Coleridge (507m) for a shared potluck lunch followed by a stroll along the lake shore with its surrounding mountainous splendor to aid digestion of luncheon's excesses. Height gain 300m. Distance 6Km. (Extended lunch break with Camp fire hotplate & Boiling Lake Water will be available). Suitable for backpacks & kids 6 and older in good weather. RAINCHECK - Thursday club meeting, Normal tramp in Castle Hill Basin. Still working on this.leader</p>	Grade: Easy/family Closes: 9 Aug Map: BW20 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 11-12 August		Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
<p>Snow Caving: Having done the snow-craft course with Adrian, it would be good to actually spend the night in a snowcave. Not sure where exactly, it will be somewhere not too far from Christchurch, probably in the Craigieburns. However, this trip is obviously dependent upon snow conditions and weather. We will allow several hours to make a decent cave, depending on numbers, and then sleep the night in it. That's the plan, so if anyone is up for cold-star accommodation for Saturday night (where else would you be?), and have done a basic snow-craft course that involved building a rudimentary snowcave, then join up! Ski tourers welcolme - we might find time to sneak in a few runs.</p>	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 2 Aug Map: tbd Approx: \$40	
Sunday 12 August		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		
<p>Mt Temple: We start on the very friendly zig-zag path up to the Temple Basin Ski area. Above ski club huts, the climb is a bit steeper, leading to the snow field up to Temple Col (1774m) and the ridge between Phipps and Blimit. From the Col we traverse and climb up to Mt Temple itself (1913m, a bit over 1000m up from the highway). You will need an ice axe and crampons and must be familiar with their use. It would also be sensible to bring a climbing helmet. Make sure you contact the leader directly to put your name down because he will have the list.</p>	Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 9 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$30	
Thursday 16 August		Club Night
<p>Tramping in Aspiring National Park: An evening showing some past multi day trips in the Aspiring national park region. Trips include both challenging and the appropriate standard of dress expected when venturing into this part of the world.</p>		

Saturday 18 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Easy Erik Norder 0221637756	
<p>Bealey Spur: Start above the baches at Bealey Spur and climb up through sheltering beech forest. On the way to the charming old hut, at about 1240m, the ridge opens up in places to reveal immense views over the Waimakariri River and to the mountains beyond. There will probably be snow around, especially in the open areas. Usual winter warm layers, plus a walking pole and gaiters may be useful. The hut is about a 450m climb from the cars and the round trip is about 10km. More adventurous trampers can go up Hut Spur above the bushline for a bit to admire the impressive horseshoe ridge around to Blind Spur from a safe distance.</p>		Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 16 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$25	
Saturday 18 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Coastal Exploring series - Peninsula - Hells Gate: Starting at Tumbledown Bay its via Boaz headland over to Te Oka Bay, Te Kaio Bay and Hells Gate. Lots of scenery including, Devils Gap*, Robin Hood Bay and Snuffle Nose. A nice coastal walk exploring some of the Cliffs and Bays of the Peninsula's southern coastline. *Visit to Devils Gap coming. Highest point 200m Distance 10Km</p>		Grade: Easy Closes: 16 Aug Map: BY24 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 18-19 August		Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com	
<p>Barker Hut.: This hut is in a really beautiful part of Arthurs Pass. Moderate trampers can visit one of the nearby passes for some stunning mountain views or just laze around the hut enjoying the alpine ambiance. The more energetic (mod-hard) types have the option of returning over Mt Harper. Ice axe and crampons required.</p>		Grade: Moderate to ModHard Closes: 9 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$30	
Sunday 19 August Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Gareth Gilbert 981-1737	
<p>Mt Thomas: A north Canterbury gem, taking in rich mountain beech forest and a bit of open tops. There are a few different options for routes up and down from the Wooded Gully picnic area (go and see if the wild cherries are ripe!). We'll probably go up the Wooded Gully track, which joins the open ridge west of Mt Thomas itself, and then trot along about 1.5k to the tussock-clad top (1023m, about 700m height gain from the start). We could return the same way or via a slightly steeper track down through the pine plantations on the southern spur. Should be about 6-7 hours tramping at a relaxed pace with plenty of time to admire the scenery.</p>		Grade: EasyMod Closes: 16 Aug Map: BW23 Approx: \$20	

Thursday 23 August		Club Night
<p>Board Games Evening: Bring in your favourite indoors game, and show off your skills in such pass times as extreme tidily winks, Monopoly (an all time CERA favourite) and snakes and ladders (with real sakes and real ladders, just to make it a bit more exciting) and of course draughts, which has become extremely popular during the past two winters in a lot of Christchurch households.</p>		
Saturday 25 August		Leader: Bruce Cameron 365 8210
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Tecbruce@gmail.com
<p>Peninsula Exploring - Devils Gap: After Hells Gate there's Devils Gap. More details will come.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 23 Aug Map: BY24 Approx: \$20</p>
Weekend 25-26 August		Leader: Gareth Gilbert 981-1737
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		gilbert.gareth@gmail.com
<p>Ada Pass Hut: A great trip on a good track to a cozy hut, ideal for those looking to get into weekend tramping. The Ada Pass Hut is the second hut on the northern end of the Saint James Walkway, about 12km from the Lewis Pass car park. Those keen can return via the Zampa Tops on Sunday.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 16 Aug Map: BT23 Approx: \$40</p>
Sunday 26 August		Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344
Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		
<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 ... May require snow skills - check with leader.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 23 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$25</p>
Thursday 30 August		Club Night
<p>News Letter Night and Best Tramping Themed Cake: Once the newsletters have been folded and ready to be sent out, there will be a competition to see who can make the best tramping themed cake. This can take the shape of and item of tramping gear, or a place where trampers would typically go. It could even be a beach forest gateaux. Let your imagination run wild, all bribes for the winning prize considered.</p>		

Saturday 1 September Departure point: Caltex Russley		Leader: Adrian Sullivan 03 310-0607
<p>Crossover Mt Thomas with Mt Richardson: This will be an early start (7am). We will start from the Glentui carpark, head up to Mt Richardson, then along the ridge east towards the Garry River. There'll be a bush-bash down into the river, and back out, ascending Mt Thomas and then heading back down the Mt Thomas track to hopefully a second car. This will be a long day, but there should be some great views on the ridgeline.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 30 Aug Map: BW22 BW23 Approx: \$15
Saturday 1 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Richard Kimberley 326 6158
<p>Mt Rolleston: When you look up 'Mt Rolleston' in Freshmap, it gives it the category 'hill', which seems a bit understated for something 2275m high. Note that this needs snow skills, appropriate experience, ice axe, crampons and helmets. We will be leaving on Friday night and staying at the club hut, unless there's sufficient interest in leaving Christchurch at 5am on the Saturday.</p>		Grade: Hard Closes: 30 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$30
Thursday 6 September		Club Night
<p>Last night to submit photos for CTC Photography Competition.: Last day to submit you photos for the Roy Evans Memorial Trophy Christchurch Tramping Club Photography competition. Please see the notices section in this news letter for more details. See your next newsletter this evenings presentation.</p>		
Weekend 8-9 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931 bernhard.parawa@cdhb.govt.nz
<p>Lake Mavis and beyond: Lake Mavis (above Goat Pass) in the winter! Come and visit this very accessible mountain gem when it's all covered in snow. A magical winter wonderland. Ice axe and very warm winter gear will be needed. Bernhard will guide you up the Mingha to Goat Pass and from there you will have several options, e.g. staying at the hut, camping at Lake Mavis or even crossing over to Taruahuna Pass on Sunday.</p>		Grade: Moderate Closes: 30 Aug Map: BV20 Approx: \$35

Sunday 9 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
<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>	Grade: Easy Closes: 6 Sep Map: BW22 Approx: \$20	
Saturday 15 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Warwick Dowling 981-2045
<p>Winterslow: Mt Winterslow (1700m) is north of Mt Somers and south west of Mt Hutt. The usual route is up from Sharplin Falls (500m) via Dukes Knob. From the summit there are outstanding views including the distant Arrowsmiths and the Southern Alps. Mt Cook and Mt Tasman may also be visible on a clear day. There are a few alternative routes we could take down depending on the energy level and spirit of adventure prevailing in the group. Ice axe and crampons may still be required if the snow hangs around. There will probably be an early departure: please contact leader.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 13 Sep Map: BX20 Approx: \$30	
Weekend 15-16 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Cristina Zablan 03 374 6354
<p>Otehake: This is a classic club trip to some natural hot pools. Walk up via Lake Kaurapataka, which is a lovely spot for lunch. Have a great soak in the pools with dinner by an open fire. Next day a leisurely walk out via the Taramakau River or the same way back.</p>	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 6 Sep Map: BU20 BU21 BV21 Approx: \$40	
Sunday 16 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Andrea Zahn
<p>The Gap: The Gap is the big notch in the Torlesse range visible for miles around and a winter trip there is a real classic. We'll probably go up from Porters Pass (942m) to Castle Hill Peak (1998m) and follow the narrow ridge through to the Gap (1700m). Ice-axe, crampons, and snow skills and experience will be needed. The ridge past Castle Hill Peak has quite steep drop offs both sides. The final section into the Gap, approached by dropping down to the north-west from the bluffs above it, can be anything from easy-peasy to quite tricky depending on the snow conditions. If you have got the skills though, this is surely one of the must-do winter trips.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 13 Sep Map: BW21 Approx: \$25	

Weekend 22-23 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com
Mt Williams: An out of the way and seldom visited peak in the Rolleston Range. This mountain is significantly taller than the surrounding peaks so the views of the alps should be truly stunning. Friday night departure and a high camp on Saturday night. Ice axe and crampons required.	Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills)	Closes: 13 Sep Map: BW19 Approx: \$35
Sunday 23 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
Maukuratawhai: Maukuratawhai (sometimes irreverently called Mt Muckaroundawhile to help you remember the name) is an interesting 1615m peak just across the Clarence River from where you descend from Jacks Pass. We will climb up the long SW ridge (about 800m height gain) and if time and conditions permit we will traverse around to pt 1575 and descend its south ridge to circle back to the starting point. Snow skills, crampons and ice axe probably required. The trip starts with a cold ford of the Clarence so if you bring some spare sneakers you'll be able to change into dry boots on the other side. Early start - check with the leader.	Grade: Moderate	Closes: 20 Sep Map: BT24 Approx: \$40
Saturday 29 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Easy Erik Norder 0221637756
Narnialand Magic: The club is again lucky to have been given permission to go into Flock Hill to explore the amazing rocky escarpment where the first of the Chronicles of Narnia was filmed. We'll start from Cave Stream and walk up to the escarpment. If there is still snow it will be just like the frozen Narnia winter wonderland. Come along and enjoy a great social trip. Approx 300m height gain overall, 10km, tussocky terrain.	Grade: Easy	Closes: 27 Sep Map: BW21 Approx: \$20
Weekend 29-30 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Andrea Zahn 382 1044 andi.zahn@gmx.de
Crow Hut: An easy weekend trip to the beautiful Crow Valley. The trip will go and return via the Waimakariri River. We will stay in the newish Crow Hut under the imposing face of Mt Rolleston. Only 13km each way and 350m height gain, although there is some untracked river bed and some easy river crossing involved. One hut ticket or an annual hut pass is required for this trip.	Grade: Easy+	Closes: 20 Sep Map: BV20 Approx: \$35

Sunday 30 September Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
Stoney Bay Peak: We'll start in Akaroa in the Rue Balguerie and walk up the Mt Vernon road and then up the steep shingle road past a farm and out onto the ridge crest. From the saddle, we go up to Stony Bay Peak (806m) for superb views of Otanerito Bay and Akaroa Harbour.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 27 Sep Map: BY25 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 6-7 October Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931
Paske Hut: Paske Hut sits in the headwater of the Rainbow River. The plan for Saturday is to walk up the Clarence River past Lake Tennyson and over Paske Saddle into the hut. Bernhard will find a different route on Sunday. Ice axe and crampons might be required. Early start 7am. Paske Hut is a standard hut, one hut ticket or an annual hut pass is required to stay at this hut.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 27 Sep Map: BT24 BS24 Approx: \$35	
Long Weekend 20-22 October Early start - 7am Departure point: Z (Shell) Papanui		Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531
Ngakawau Base Camp: Ngakawau is about 25km north of Westport and a great place for a base camp. Saturday afternoon we will explore the Charming Creek Walkway, Sunday we can have a look at the Denniston Plateau or the Mokihinui Gorge. Accommodation for both nights is in a backpackers (\$30 per night) but tenting is an option too.	Grade: All / Family Closes: 11 Oct Map: BR21 Approx: \$50+Accom	
Multi day trip 1-8 March Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: Liz Tanner 0211400531 lizjtanner@yahoo.com.au
Great Ocean Road (Oz!): 2013 Trip to Great Ocean Rd. Tentative itinerary: 3 days in Grampians then back to Melbourne for 2 nights to visit Port Nepean and Phillip Island. Cost: about \$700 + air fare (includes vehicle hire, backpacker accommodation, food allowance of \$30 per day). Dates in March or May as school holidays in April. Local walks: http://www.grampiansnationalpark.com/grampians/national/park/walks.asp Contact Liz by email if interested. Spaces left for two at this time. Discuss final details in October-ish	Grade: All Closes: 21 Feb Map: N/A Approx: \$TBA	

Trip Reports

26-27 May 2012

A TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE

What do: 4 female work colleagues, 1 couple, 1 family group of 5, 20 Cocktail partying university students, and a CTC group of 8 all have in common?...

...a shared night at Woolshed Creek Hut. It transpires that most groups had intended occupation of various Arthur's Pass accommodations (ours was Hawdon Hut). Only to be thwarted by a severe weather warning of gusty Northwesterlies! Hence everyone converged on the more eastern foot hills. Now you may be thinking "Hang on that totals 39 in a 26 bunk hut!". Yes it does. Please read on.

We had arrived with enthusiasm at the Woolshed Creek Car park. The generous collection of vehicles already assembled was commented on!. Boots were donned and our leader dutifully confirmed we all had sleeping bags (As per individual phone calls earlier in the week). Half way through our pleasant approach we saw not one or two but six or so other folk fully laden and heading for the hut. Our leader suggested a substantial 'shortcut'. Another 15 minutes on and we spy more fully laden walkers. With extra enthusiasm our strides quicken with the motivation of claiming a bunk. On arrival the smaller of the two bunk rooms was still empty. Success!. A ly. Success!. A leisurely lunch ensued. Appetites satisfied we split into two groups. Matt and Bill explored some nearby peaks whilst the remainder of us explored Morgan Creek and the saddle.

Back at hut two more 'walking parties' had arrived. A brief encounter with the existing occupants they quickly decided not to join 'THE PARTY' and regrouped for an exit strategy. On our return to hut we discovered a dress code revolution. Now we felt shabby as suits, ties, a pink cowboy hat and dresses set the tone of the evening.

We soon found our portioned tramping dinners very generously complimented with hors d'oeuvres, freshly rolled sushi, gin & tonics, sambuca and cakes! Wow! Now we know this indulgence may not strictly align with CTC protocol but it would surely have been rude of us to say NO. Right! Besides we simply had to assist these students in lightening heavily burdened packs for their return journey!. Of course they were also buttering us up for the noise to come! All in all our hut mates were friendly generous with supplies and mattresses (given to the family group) and very considerate. Likewise Matt kindly relinquished his bunk, for an outdoor kip, when four women somewhat optimistically perceived they could all fit onto a single mattress beside him. At 12 pm sharp the singing party abruptly halted and the Northwesterly wind took over with hut shaking crescendo's.

Emerging next morning there were dormant sleeping bag clad bodies jammed into bunks, on veranda's, on tables, under tables, and under cooking benches. Just Everywhere!

Our walk out that day revealed spectacular swimming holes and gorgeous gullies. David showed us the spot where he had unfortunately sustained an ankle injury last year which required medical evacuation. We were very proud of David returning to complete this journey with us. The Northwester chased our ascent up to Bus Stop shelter. Where our leader again confirmed Matt 'still' had a sleeping bag. We paused there for shelter and snacks before descending to Rhyolite Ridge and to our cars a tiny speck in the distance.

So....the destination may have been different.....the evening attire different and the cuisine surprisingly different. A delightful and decadent time was had by all. Thanks to

everyone for a very enjoyable weekend. Participants were: Lena Heigi, Johannes Liebisch, Bill King, Matt Crombie, David Cook, Anna Stewart, Andrew Wrapson (leader) and Kim Swarbrick (scribe).

24 June 2012

Mons Sex Millia (Garnet Peak)

After a stormy Saturday forecast for the mountains, Warwick sensibly moved his ambitious Mons Sex Millia trip to Sunday, expecting the fine weather window to actually happen. As ambitious trips need an ambitious start, we all gathered 6.30am at Shell Papanui, and the five of us embarked on the journey to the winter wonderland of Lewis Pass.

The skies looked promising with big blue patches everywhere when we stopped at Boyle village. We quickly jumped out of the car to gear up -and kept jumping to get some warmth into our sleepy bodies. Soon on the way, breathing moist and fresh forest air, we briskly started up the road.

One could say that losing our leader 10 minutes into the trip could indicate mild group confusion about the direction. But with the help of map, compass, GPS and a good old trumper instinct we tackled the Poplars Range and started heading up towards the first peak. Progressively we started shedding layers of clothing, realizing that even winter tramp can be very warm. Half way up the first hill it began to snow gently and later on in the forest with snowcapped trees we could fully appreciate the beauty of winter.

And winter had more in the sleeve for us to experience. Despite the early views and blue patches all around us, our mountain range decided to gather up all the clouds available in the neighbourhood. The depth of snow rose steady under our feet as we went up, increased by the constant snowfall from the sky. The snow cover was of good dry quality, slightly frozen, but not enough to budge our crampons out of their warm nest in our packs.



Afternoon view of Faust

Clouds were determinably keeping us company and the higher we went the thicker they got, bringing also bitterly cold wind along to chase them around. Soon our expedition resembled one trying to attempt the South Pole. Wrapped up in everything we could, we were bravely marching one by one in a complete white-out. The snow was so white and the clouds were so white, that we had to use GPS to identify a hill while standing right in front of it. And this is how we reached Garnet Peak (1776m), the highest point on the western side of the range and from where we would start our traverse to Mons Sex Millia.

Standing on the peak at 2pm, seeing nothing but each other and a lot of white stuff, gloves and gaiters frozen into bizarre shapes, we decided that we all had our dose of winter for today. Doing the whole loop just wasn't realistic in the conditions. The way back was much quicker, partly because the freezing wind up there now blowing into our faces encouraged a faster descent. Back in the bush we began to thaw and could finally sit down for a well deserved break. Chewing on snacks we enviously watched the nearby Faust fully basking in the late sunshine.

Some endless bush bashing later and we made it all safely back to the car finishing the trip about 5:30pm. Sitting around cozy fire in Culverden pub we all felt very satisfied, well walked and well broken into winter tramping. Tramping in winter is amazing!

The team: Warwick Dowling (leader), Lisa McArthur, Murray Gifford, Lovisa Eriksson, Silvia Horniakova (scribe). Pictures: Murray, Warwick and Silvia.



On the top

1 July 2012

Camp Saddle with Kerrie

The totally true story.

All the best people gathered at the Caltex Russley for a frosty jaunt with Kerrie. The jaunting, like the frost, started early on and didn't stop the whole day.

Apparently the snowy peaks sparkled seductively as we sped up the Old West Coast Road (I wouldn't know – I lost the battle with my sleep-heavy eyelids). In a flash we arrived at the Craigieburn picnic area and, so enthusiastic were some at the sight of a bit of icy mush, that they whipped out their chains and applied them to tyres with gusto. Having achieved this hearty feat, they managed to carefully negotiate their vehicles the 10 metres to our parking spot, where those of us who had hopped out of the vehicles and gone for a wander, waited patiently. It's good to know that Alan Ross is always prepared! I don't know about you, but I'm going to go in his car next time.

With the temperature hovering around -9 we set off, hoping we'd warm up at some stage during the day. Once out of the valley, we did, and, after a conflag, decided that the best people would carry on around the long, winding, treacherous track to Camp Saddle while "the others" hiked up the easy way to approach the Saddle from above. Despite the treacherous nature of our meander, we managed to notice the Craigieburn range showing off its wintry beauty. Some people took photos. Others chose instead to fall over (Alan).

A benign sun-facing snowy slope gave Scott and Alan a terrific opportunity to demonstrate self-arrest techniques to a rapt audience. It wasn't really crampon conditions but some were keen to practice and Scott and Al were keen to help (it is noted at this point that the majority of those keen to practice were young women, not that that had anything to do with it).

It should be noted here that Kate beat Alan to the saddle (not that it matters). Then "the others" who took the easy way to the saddle (we know this because they got there first) took the easy way out while the aforementioned intrepid bunch went over the top and found a brilliant powdery slope to bum-slide down. This was the best bum-slide ever recorded. Significant speeds were achieved while beautiful powdery snow bloomed impressively between splayed legs. Despite this, no bums were lost (though some shorts may have been damaged).

Nothing of note happened from this point, except that Alan lost some clothing. Naughty keas!

Thank you Kerrie and Scott. This trip was truly enjoyable. I discovered that even easy-mod trips can be exceptionally good. Managing such a wayward bunch is like herding kittens really, isn't it?

Trip Report – Camp Saddle Deviation 1 July 2012

The Ants take a shortcut...

When we had got to Lyndon Saddle, the two Ants' wanted some needed exercise, so we choose to go up the steep part first, before traversing the ridge and dropping into Camp Saddle. Once above the bushline, a soft layer of snow covered older icy snow below it, making the ascent just that bit more harder, which is what we had in mind. However, we were rewarded with stunning views going along the ridge on a clear, calm day. The two ants got to the saddle first, and watched the rest of the group that looked like black ants

against the white snow climb the remaining height up to the saddle. All of the ants then devoured whatever food was on offer and then the two ants escorted 3 of the lady ants back the way that the rest of the ants had come.

The trip was reasonably uneventful, until we passed by a tiny gully and for no particular reason at all, a large rock had dislodged itself above one of the members and nearly took her out as it crashed past the track. It fortunately only just missed her, otherwise we would have had a squashed ant. Shortly afterwards, this relieved party of ants joined up with the remaining ants who had formed an ant-line that had had come over the ridgeline.

People on the trip: Kerrie, Scott, Bernard, Kate (scribe of first part), Thomas, Dharshie, Catherine, Myra, Alan, Antony (2nd scribe), Ant, Garath, Cathy, Richard

22 July 2012

Mt Barrosa

Ah, what a pleasure it was to finally get out in the mountains again after 2 1/2 months of working almost every weekend and also missing my ride on the last attempt to go tramping when I forgot to set my alarm and slept in.

I had been to Barrosa before, but last time had almost no views due to the clouds shrouding the hills that day. Barrosa is a lovely little 1300M bump just behind Mt Somers and is a pleasant easy/moderate day out with some magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.

I arrived at what I thought was the access point quite some time before the others arrived and soon saw the "No Public Access" sign on the gate I believe we went through last time. After waiting a while I decided to head back to Mt Somers village to make sure they weren't waiting for me there and that's when I spotted the new DOC access sign and gate. I continued on down the road and soon met Uncle Bernhard and the rest of The CTC trampers, whereupon I directed them to the access point.

Ten of us set off from the cars just past 10am on a cool overcast morning with a cool westerly breeze accounting for every one being well wrapped up as we set off. It wasn't long before layers were being removed, the wind dropped and the sun exposed itself as the clouds rolled back westwards to present us with what turned out to be a magnificent winters day. After a couple of short stops on the way up, we finally had lunch by a nice rock outcrop just below the summit, enjoying the vistas of the surrounding snow capped mountains and wondering if we could fine any of the Geodes(what ever they are) (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geode>) . Kerrie was keen to find something to take home. Soon after cresting the summit I happen to stumble upon a fine spherical geode already split in half and handed it to Kerrie, it was the best one we found, the rest being smashed fragments.

The rest of the early afternoon we spent traversing the tops via point 1355 and enjoying the stunning views before afternoon tea at point 1321, whereupon we dropped down the spur towards Waterfall Stream and back to the cars by 3:30pm. Being the time of the year it was we were expecting a fair amount of snow but the remnants of the June dump were few and far between and all crampons and some ice axes were left in the cars.

Trampers: Bernhard Parawa, David Salway, Vanessa Lane, Murray Gilford, Kerrie Maynard, Richard Kimberly, Peter Eman, Lovisa Erickson, Warwick Dowling, Rodney Erickson(Scribe)

For More Photos, go to Rodney's Blog at <http://roddus.blogspot.co.nz/2012/07/mt-barrosa-22-july-2012.html>



Back to the Forest (from Mons Sex Millia trip)



View of Boyle River (from Mons Sex Millia trip)

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More about the CTC

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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 Bernhard Parawa 981 4931; 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 the hut convenor, Steve Bruerton, ph 322 6196.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. The Gear Custodian is Thomas Matern, ph. 354-4309. Note: club gear assigned to you is your responsibility; please take care of it. Please make sure you put tents inside your pack. Tents attached to the outside of your pack can be easily punctured when bush bashing or even lost. This may result in serious damage to your bank account! Please air and dry tents after taking them on a trip even if they are not used, and report any damage to the gear custodian.

Rates for Gear Hire:

Tent	\$3/person/night
Ice axes, crampons	\$4 per weekend
Harnesses, snow shovel	\$4 per weekend
Large/small weekend packs	\$2 per weekend
Helmets	Free
Personal locator beacons	Free

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