



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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Camping in the Wilkin, 1967

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.

News

New committee:

"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." -- Babe Ruth

On April 14 a disappointingly small turn out for the club Annual General Meeting elected the following new committee members: Chantal McCarthy (secretary), Steve Bruerton, Greg Hill, Andrea Zahn, and Sam Cook. Welcome aboard! Many committee roles have changed hands: for the list of current club officers, see page 12. The club sincerely thanks outgoing committee members Cathy Harlow (secretary), Bernhard Parawa, Malcolm Carr, Lynda Watson and Peter Mortlock for their valuable service to the club over the last year.

New Members Welcome: We welcome nine new members to the club this month: Paul and Beverley Dodd, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Astrid Gianoti, Ben Still, Emma Rogers, Richard Kimberley, Jamie Wood and Jo Pekelharing. Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

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.

Thursday 28 April	Club Night
Newsletter folding night: After we have dealt to the newsletter folding we will have some social time and verbal trip reports.	
Weekend 30 April-1 May	Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com
Princess Bath: Perched high on the side of Mt Princess, hidden until you pop up through the bluffs, is the surprisingly large 'Princess Bath'. From the carpark at Lake Tennyson there is a couple of k's wander along the lakeside to warm up then a 500m puff to the top of Mt McCabe for a rest break with a fine view up the Clarence and down the Waiau. More puffing and maybe a scramble or two then drop down to the camp. Climb to the top of Mt Princess Sat afternoon or Sun morning then hurry back to Hanmer for a quick hot pool before heading home.	Grade: Moderate Closed: 21 Apr Map: M30 M31 Approx: \$35
Saturday 30 April Departure point: Contact Leader	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
Surrey Hills: Another new trip for the club ... Surrey Hills is easy rolling country down south of Mt Somers, and an interesting area geologically. The tops are about 600m so there is about 300m height gain from the road. I see that there is a microwave station at 640m just north of the Surrey Hills range - does that mean we can take few soups and hot chocolates to heat up on the top?	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 28 Apr Map: K36 Approx: \$25

Sunday 1 May
 Departure point: Shell Papanui

Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
 Bryce.Williamson@canterbury.ac.nz

<p>Missing link returns: A few years ago Susan and her intrepid band of explorers mounted an ambitious reconnaissance mission to link up Mt Richardson and Mt Thomas by finding a way through the beech woods, gullies and streams between the two. After an entirely accidental two-pronged attack and some imaginative navigation, they emerged bruised but triumphant. Other members of the club assisted in subsequent recutting of the new trail blazed metaphorically by the first group. Clearly it is now our duty to regularly put some boot-prints on the ground and make sure the route stays open.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 28 Apr Map: L34 M34 Approx: \$20</p>
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Thursday 5 May Club Night

Tramping in Spain by Kieran and Denise: Spanish Pyrenees. In June 2010 Kieran and Denise set off to walk 800 km along the GR11 trail from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. Come along and see how they got on.

Saturday 7 May
 Departure point: Shell Papanui

Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
 Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>John Browns Tomb: This is a another in our Canterbury Coastline series, up near Nape Nape. John Browns Tomb (note, no apostrophe on the map) is an intriguingly-named collection of rocks on the Eastern slopes of the Blythe Valley. This will be a nice sociable tramp, with some off-track travel but in easy terrain, about 300m height gain.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 5 May Map: N33 Approx: \$20</p>
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Weekend 7-8 May
 Departure point: Shell Papanui

Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000
 kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz

<p>Lawrence Hut: Lawrence Hut is a place the club has not visited for a long time. It is an easy walk from Erewhon Station up the Clyde River and Lawrence River leaving plenty of time to explore both river valleys. This trip is subject to low river levels but there will be an alternative trip in case of too much rain.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 28 Apr Map: J35 Approx: \$40</p>
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Sunday 8 May Leader: Jim Western 384-8950
jimwestern@xtra.co.nz
Departure point: Shell Papanui

<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>	<p>Grade: EasyMod Closes: 5 May Map: K36 Approx: \$25</p>
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Thursday 12 May Club Night

Cycling in High Mountain Ranges with our guide Yani Najman: A quick pedal through Yani's various cycle trips in the Himalaya, Karakorum, Tien Shan, Andes, and Alaska.

Saturday 14 May Leader: Michael Newlove 355-8360
Departure point: Shell Papanui

<p>Nikau Palm Gully: Nikau Palm Gully is a little gem in the Akaroa Heads scenic zone with big cliffs, seabirds, palm trees and more. The gully is acclaimed as one of the best forest remnants in the province, with an amazing collection of huge nikau palms. Approximately 10km walking with some gently rolling hills, this is one of the few peninsula tramps that gets you out close to the steep headlands and bays with a good safe track all the way.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy+ Closes: 12 May Map: N37 Approx: \$25</p>
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Weekend 14-15 May Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344
richard.lobb@canterbury.ac.nz
Departure point: Shell Papanui

<p>Lake Christabel, Rough Creek: Easy beech forest tramping on day 1, but quite a long way in to the hut at the head of the Lake. The route out on day 2 is via the poled route up and over the tops to Rough Creek, which has a reasonably good track down to the Lewis Pass Rd near the Maruia Hotel.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 5 May Map: L31 Approx: \$40</p>
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Sunday 15 May Leader: Antony White 381-5993
phoenixantony@gmail.com
(Contact leader for departure time.)
Departure point: Shell Papanui

<p>Steepface Hill: Steepface (1876m) involves a - you guessed it - steep ascent of about 1500m from the Rakaia so you need to be fit and fast for this trip. The club last did a trip here in February 2009, and on that day, we did the steep-face, but couldn't find the scree slope that leads back to the cars. Therefore, I'm on a mission to find that scree slope. Of course it may be under snow by then, in which case your usual snow toys will be necessary.</p>	<p>Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 12 May Map: K35 Approx: \$25</p>
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Sunday 15 May (Early start.)		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931	
Departure point: Shell Papanui			
<p>Mt Aicken: Mt Aicken (1858m) is a commanding peak right behind Arthurs Pass township. There is a good but steep track through the bush and then a lovely section up through alpine scrub and rocks. Well above the bushline there is a more exposed section between pt 1863 and Aicken where you need to be happy with a little gentle scrambling. There are various options for the return, including a descent over Mt O'Malley or off the back of Aicken down to the Mingha. Ice axe and crampons and the ability to use them could be necessary. Early start - contact leader.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills)</p> <p>Closes: 12 May</p> <p>Map: K33</p> <p>Approx: \$30</p>	
Thursday 19 May		Club Night	
<p>Jo Clement - Cape Town, South Africa: "In July 2007 and April 2009 I volunteered to work in a Squatter camp on the outskirts of Cape Town. I was the first white person to stay within the camp and work with the people creating an eco-village in the middle of a sea of shanty's. The Indlovu Project is in an informal settlement (squatter camp), in Monwabisi Park, Khayelitsha on the outskirts of Cape Town. We successfully helped create and develop an Ecovillage. I will show images of this area and environment."</p>			
Weekend 21-22 May		Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com	
<p>Pfeifer Tops, Pfeifer Biv: A trip close to the road but with a real back-country feel. You start at the Deception swing bridge on the Highway 73, follow Paratu stream up to Waharoa Saddle before climbing to the tops on a recently cut route. Then easy tussock tops are followed to the brand new Biv which has good camping beside it. Day 2 is a little harder, up and around Mt Pfeifer before descending the long spur to Lake Kaurapataka. Some bush bashing required. The track is then followed back to the road. A good trip with lots of variety and great views.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate+</p> <p>Closes: 12 May</p> <p>Map: K33</p> <p>Approx: \$45</p>	
Saturday 21 May		Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006 andrewwrapson@yahoo.co.nz	
Departure point: Shell Papanui			
<p>Mt Richardson: Mount Richardson is a lovely 12km loop in the Canterbury foothills. The track starts at the Glentui Bush picnic area and goes through some superb native beech forest - some steepish sections, about 700m height gain - to Mt Richardson itself (1047m) and a great panorama over the Canterbury plains. We will return via the Blowhard track which gives us the opportunity to walk along the undulating open tops before descending back into the bush again - there are some stands of rimu in places - and back to the cars.</p>		<p>Grade: EasyMod</p> <p>Closes: 19 May</p> <p>Map: L34</p> <p>Approx: \$20</p>	

Saturday 21 May (Could be early start.) Leader: Bruce James 332-3473
 Departure point: Caltex Russley 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). There is about 1300m total height gain, which makes it a bit more strenuous than some moderate trips (and harder if there is early snow of course). 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. Could be early start - contact leader. Ice and and crampons and the ability to use them could be necessary.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 19 May Map: L34 Approx: \$25</p>
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Sunday 22 May Leader: Antony White 381-5993
 Departure point: Shell Papanui phoenixantony@gmail.com

<p>Gabriel Hut: The cute little Gabriel Hut is reached from a track starts from the road that leads to Lake Sumner via Lake Taylor. There isn't much height gain, so it's an easy walk into the hut (in the middle of the bush), and then an easy walk to the lake. There is the option of swimming, but the trip leader won't make you swim the lenth of the lake!</p>	<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 19 May Map: M32 Approx: \$25</p>
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Thursday 26 May Club Night

Newsletter folding night.: After we have dealt to the newsletter folding we will have some social time and verbal trip reports.

Saturday 28 May Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
 Departure point: Shell Papanui Tecbruce@gmail.com

<p>Langleydale: Langleydale is located at the end of the Port Hills between the Motukarara and the Summit Road and is an area not often explored. We start the tramp at the end of Ahuriri Road in farm country and aim to do a horseshoe loop around the tops. We start up a spur to pt 244 and follow the ridge over pts 363 and 472 and past some rocky outcrops to the (unnamed on the map) Ahuriri peak (534m). Return is back via another ridge to the north. About 12k tramping and height gain about 600m</p>	<p>Grade: Easy+ Closes: 26 May Map: M36 Approx: \$10</p>
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Weekend 28-29 May Leader: Chantal McCarthy 360 3752
 Departure point: Shell Papanui chantal.mccarthy@amcor.com

<p>Peel Forest Basecamp: Cabins at camp ground \$20 each. Campsite \$9 per adult. On Saturday we'll do Little Mt Peel at a relaxed pace and on Sunday we'll do some easier shorter walks, such as Fern walk and Denniston bush circuit...there are lots of neat short and longer bush walks to choose from.</p>	<p>Grade: Easy/All Closes: 19 May Map: J37 Approx: \$30+Accom</p>
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Sunday 29 May (Early start) Leader: Clive Marsh 325-6253
 Departure point: Contact Leader clive.marsh@clear.net.nz

<p>Goat Hill: A nice little 1650m bump directly above Otira opposite Mt Barron. It's an area we don't do as much as Arthur's Pass and fully deserves a bit more attention, especially with the lovely ridge route you can do with this trip. The route starts near the Otira bridge and travels up a good DOC track to the bushline. From there we will follow the ridge around to the summit. The return will be via the long southern ridge above the Deception and then down an old track back to the cars. Assuming there is snow up there, ice axe, crampons and snow skills will be required.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate+ (requires snow skills) Closes: 26 May Map: K33 Approx: \$30</p>
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Thursday 2 June Club Night

Russia by Train, with our 'driver' Chris Currie: Chris will take us on the Trans-Siberian Express from the Mongolia border to Moscow. After that we will visit St Petersburg (formally Leningrad).

Long Weekend 4-6 June Queens Birthday Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931
 Departure point: Shell Papanui

<p>Big Tops Hut, Otehahe Hot Pool: Leaving town on Friday night for an early departure from the Club Hut on Saturday morning. Bernhard will guide you from Aickens Corner past Lake Kaurapataka to Koropuku (Big Tops) Hut where he'll stay on Saturday night. The plan for Sunday is to cover 2km distance to the Otehahe Hot Pools but there will be plenty of opportunity to make this a serious mission. Enjoy the hot bath on Sunday night and a pleasant walk out on Monday morning.</p>	<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 26 May Map: K33 Approx: \$40</p>
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Saturday 4 June Leader: Kerrie Maynard and Scott Fowler. 386-2850 kerrievm@yahoo.co.nz
 Departure point: Contact Leader

<p>Peak Hill: If there is a nice dusting of snow around we will take a drive out to Lake Coleridge and climb Peak Hill (1240m) - Pat Barrett rates it 'unequivocally outstanding' as a viewpoint and a 'special place for mood and light' and he has surely seen a few of the best! There is good access via a well graded track up to a small saddle from which you can see into both the Rakaia and out over Coleridge. From the saddle we'll continue up through the tussocks to the broad summit to give about 600m height gain altogether. If there is no snow (or too much snow), Mt Isobel up at Hanmer will be the alternative. Make sure your name is on the list or you have spoken to the leader for this trip.</p>	<p>Grade: EasyMod+ Closes: 2 Jun Map: K35 Approx: \$30</p>
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Monday 6 June Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Baleine Point: An easy coastal bay tramp starting at Puari. From there we can use the farm track out to Baleine Point, overlooking Beacon rocks at Port Levy's East Headland. Then we proceed round the coast to some little bays and as-yet unknown points where seals and penguins may be in residence. Then we ramble up the ridge back to the cars and back for rehydration at the cafe. Most of this tramp is on farm tracks and is ideal for those who are vertically challenged (in a tramping sense of course).	Grade: Easy+ Closes: 2 Jun Map: N36 Approx: \$20
Weekend 11-12 June Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980-6006
Nina Hut: Follow Andrew on a trip to the Nina Hut suitable for the whole family. It's about 6km and 100m height gain along the Nina River, leaving plenty of time to explore the area or just chill out.	Grade: Easy Closes: 2 Jun Map: M31 M32 Approx: \$35
Saturday 11 June Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Abners Head: Abners Head (579m) is located on the tip of the Malvern Hills south-west of Sheffield. It is just north of the Waianiwaniwa river, in the area the proposed Coalgate Dam would flood - so come along and tramp there while you can leave your snorkel behind... This an easy off-track sight-seeing tramp in rolling farm country.	Grade: Easy Closes: 9 Jun Map: L35 Approx: \$15
Weekend 18-19 June Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Andrew Tromans 379-2686 atromans@gmail.com
Griffin Creek Hut: Take a hot bath on a starry winter's evening. Starting at the Taipo we head up Rocky Creek through a mix of track and river travel up to the hut. Once there, we sit back, relax and take a soothing bath in the outdoor, fully heated bath tub.	Grade: Moderate Closes: 9 Jun Map: K33 Approx: \$40
Weekend 25-26 June Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Ken Brown 359-2000 kenneth.brown@canterbury.ac.nz
Round Mt Somers: Did you think you were not fit enough to run the Mt Somers Challenge in one day? Or did you do it but did not have enough time to enjoy the scenery? Here is your chance. Same departure point, same direction but 2 full days to finish the loop, staying at the luxurious Woolshed Creek Hut for the night.	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 16 Jun Map: K36 Approx: \$40

Tuesday 28 June
Departure point: Shell Papanui

Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
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Russell Peak: Ever wondered what those hills are behind Ben More station just before the ascent up to Porters Pass? Ask no more - that is the Russell Range and now you can get an even closer look. We go in via Ben More station and tramp up to the ridge and Russell Peak (941m), then traverse east along the ridge and descend near the limeworks bridge. The terrain is a mixture of tracked and untracked in rolling farm country; the views will be stunning - and all this from a height gain of only 500m and distance about 12k.

Grade: Easy+
Closes: 23 Jun
Map: L35
Approx: \$20

Trip Reports

3 April 2011 PRIVATE TRIP

The Great Walnut Race

Aim: first person to collect a mass of not less than 100kg walnuts from the orchard floor wins... prize is a surprise.



Shaking a tree



The harvest

Rules:

- no chainsaws (thanks Kerrie)
- there will be a Le Mans style start from the hayshed at dawn
- no powered craft
- all wheelbarrows must be F1-compliant (liquid nitrogen available on site for filling tyres)
- All flying machines must have a wingspan less than twice that of an albatross
- anybody using any equipment designed, made or conceived by Freddie will have a 50kg handicap

- all judges decisions will be arbitrary and random.
- all correspondence will be embellished and sold to the highest bidder
- a local U14 soccer team will be doing a fundraiser in the orchard concurrently, any walnuts or body parts stolen from them will be disallowed and the matter referred to auntie ice-axe.

All participants wish to remain anonymous pending investigation by the Rules Committee.

31 March - 3 April 2011 PRIVATE TRIP

Dragons Teeth, Drunken Sailors

The perfect tramping trip - A trip that goes off without a hitch in perfect weather, with great company and stunning terrain. An impossible dream?

We made the walk in to Anatoki forks hut from Takaka road end in about six and a half hours. Slower than expected considering the ease of travel along the perfectly formed bench track. Various excuses were proposed including the 0400 departure from Christchurch, Mexican themed parties the night before and general lack of fitness. A combination of all three was probably the most accurate. We settled in for an early night in the spacious hut.

The next day was perfectly clear with hardly a breath of wind. The turn off to Adelaide Tarn is clearly marked about two minutes past the hut. The Anatoki river was very low and we travel up the spur on a clearly marked track that continues all the way along the ridge, up to and beyond Yuletide peak. The ridge is not difficult and the occasional rock outcrops are easily negotiated. Soon after crossing Yuletide peak the cairned ground trail leaves the ridgeline, drops to the northeast side of The Needle and leads up to the Needles eye. So far we had been walking in bright sunshine, but as we reach this pass low cloud comes wafting in from the northeast. It obscures our view down to Adelaide tarn but we follow the well worn trail down to Adelaide tarn hut. The hut is certainly cosy and the bunks are so small that when I lay out, my legs stretch out onto the adjoining bunk. The location is truly spectacular with Douglas peak and The Needle looming above us through the slow moving cloud. We cook outside to soak up the atmosphere in the lowering murk after a six hour day.

The next day dawns clear and we quickly climb to the ridge above the hut and take in the stunning views over the immensely jagged Dragons Teeth. Below us is the head of the Anatoki river. We carefully select a route down that neatly avoids the bluffs and minimises the amount of scrub bushing. Travel down the river is made quite easy by faint ground trails and we pass through beautiful grottos where every square inch of ground is carpeted with thick green moss. After lunch at the campsite near spot hight 744, we search for the correct spur that will take us to The Drunken Sailors and Lonely Lake hut. Thanks to a nifty navigation error on my part we end up taking the wrong spur. When looking for the correct stream coming down from the true right I discounted a totally dry stream and continued further down to the next running stream before beginning the ascent. This led us up through some very steep bush and some very thick scrub at the top before we popped out on the ridge about half a km further along than we needed to be. Still, it only took us two hours and its great to be on the tops in such good weather. We quickly make our way along the ridge and underneath The Drunken Sailors. We stop to admire the leering face formed in the rock before heading down to beautiful Lonely lake. Lonely lake hut is even smaller than the previous nights hut but it fits the three of us nicely. After seven hours

walking we laze around the lake in the sunshine for a number of hours before the sun descends behind the range.

There is a distinct norwest change in the weather the following day but at least it isn't raining. We retrace our steps to where we should have emerged from the bush onto the ridge, had I not made my little navigational faux pas the previous day. We begin the descent to the Anatoki river and find that this route is indeed much easier and has practically no scrub. We follow the river and make it back to Anatoki forks huts in just under four hours. With the entire afternoon in hand and the forecast for heavy rain on Monday it was an easy decision for us to continue out to the cars a day early. It began raining quite persistently that afternoon, but with dry clothes and fish and chips waiting for us in Takaka, it was a mild inconvenience.

That was my candidate for the perfect tramping trip – Although technically not “perfect” it was three and a half days of great weather, stunning country I've been itching to get in to for a very long time and great company.

Trampers: Andrew Tromans, Antony White, Charles Afford.

External Events

Presentation: The Mountains of Eastern Tibet: On May 20th Japanese explorer and climber Tomatsu Nakamura will be giving a presentation on his exploration of the mountains of Eastern Tibet. These mountains are amongst the most remote and unexplored in the world today, and the region has untapped potential for climbers and trekkers. The NZAC invites CTC members to come along to the presentation, which is at the Cashmere Club on Colombo St. The charge is \$15 to non-NZAC members, \$10 to NZAC members. For more details contact Pat Deavoll pdeavoll@hotmail.com, ph 377 7595

More about the CTC

Club Officers:

<i>President:</i>	Warwick Dowling	981-2045	<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Antony White	381-5993
<i>Senior Vice President:</i>	David Watson	981-7929	<i>Weekend Trip Organiser:</i>	Thomas Matern	385-3507
<i>Junior Vice President:</i>	Thomas Matern	385-3507	<i>Social Convenor:</i>	Alan Ross	384-6425
<i>Secretary:</i>	Chantal McCarthy	360 3752	<i>Gear Custodian:</i>	Jim Western	384-8950
<i>Club Captain:</i>	Adrian Busby	325-5001	<i>Editor:</i>	Richard Lobb	351-2344
<i>New Members Rep:</i>	Janet Spittlehouse	981-1944	<i>Hut Convenor:</i>	Steve Bruerton	322-6196

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.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. The Gear Custodian is Jim Western, ph. 384-8950. 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	\$2 per day
Personal locator beacons	Free

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