



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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*Lake Lilian and the Avoca/Harper confluence
from Gargarus, March 2011*

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 Members Welcome: We welcome three new members to the club this month: Daniel Fraser, Mark Pilbrow and Myra Daly. Please accept the club's warm welcome to you all.

Trip Reports: There aren't any this month. At least, not new ones. Trip leaders: when everyone's winding down over a cup of tea at the end of a trip is a great time for begging/bribing/cajoling someone into writing a trip report.

External Events

Mt Somers Stations Woolshed Shindy. Sat 3rd Sept: A night of food, drink, live music, dancing and poetry by Jim Morris. The wee Hakatere Heritage committee has been tasked with saving and restoring the almost 150 year old stone cottage, near Lakes Heron and Clearwater. They need more funds to progress and this is where you could help. The poster at <http://www.ctc.org.nz/ctcdocuments/hhcposter.jpg> has most of the goss, but the lowdown is, they need your dosh. In return, they'll give you a good night out, rain, hail or snow. For more info contact Lew Shaw: lewshaw@xtra.co.nz

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 25 August		Club Night
Newsletter folding night: After we have folded the newsletters we will have some social time.		
Weekend 27-28 August Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Brian Dougan
Hapuku/Kowhai: On this trip Brian will guide you on a trip around Mt Fyffe near Kaikoura. The trip links the Hapuku River and the Kowhai River via Kowhai Saddle. It's about 1000m height gain to the saddle and there is a hut in each of the valleys. Talk to the leader about easier options (e.g. walk to Kowhai Hut and return the next day) or more challenging options (e.g. walk via Mt Fyffe).	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 18 Aug Map: BT27 Approx: \$40	
Saturday 27 August Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Chantal McCarthy 360 3752
Rabbit Hill: Rabbit Hill (1198m) is a nice little bump in the Porters Pass area. We'll be going up from the road in the Porters Pass area and trotting along the tops to Rabbit Hill itself. Return options include a car shuffle and descending to the Lake Lyndon road. Approx 500m height gain overall and about 11 km (partly tracked, part tussock hillside)	Grade: EasyMod Closes: 25 Aug Map: K35 Approx: \$15	

Sunday 28 August Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931
<p>Big Mt Peel: Peel Forest is a remnant of a magnificent podocarp forest that once covered a huge area in mid-Canterbury and, with its mild moist climate, has the highest diversity of ferns in New Zealand. This tramp will take us right into this wonderful area, ascending through the vegetation layers out onto the tussock slopes of Mt Peel. First Little Mt Peel (1310m, 900m+ height gain), then a bit over 4k to Middle Mt Peel (1583m) and a further 2-3k to Big Mt Peel itself (1743m, about 1400m height gain from the cars). As you'd expect, the tussock tops offer panoramic views out over this lovely area. Note: there could be an early start - make sure you contact the leader - and be prepared for a long but rewarding day. Ice Axe and Crampons required.</p>	Grade: Moderate to ModHard Closes: 25 Aug Map: J37 Approx: \$25	
Thursday 1 September		Club Night
<p>New Zealand Walking Access Commission: CEO Mark Neeson will be on hand to talk about the Commission's work, its new Walking Access Mapping System and its goals for the coming year. Mark was a club member in the 1970s/early 80s.</p>		
Saturday 3 September Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
<p>Mt Culverden: A 558m bump northwest of Culverden on the road to Hanmer. An easy tramp giving great views of the Tekoa, Culverden and Hanmer Ranges. Also Distant Hanmer, the Waiau River and Amuri plains below should make for a stunning day. Rod Thomson, (RTC) a knowledgeable local will be navigating us over his neighbours' farms up to the peak.</p>	Grade: Easy Closes: 1 Sep Map: BU24 Approx: \$25	
Weekend 3-4 September Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz
<p>Croesus Top Hut: A great family trip in the Paparoa Range. A good track with a steady climb to the hut and plenty of time to have a look at historic mines or to climb Croesus Knob for a great view towards the coast.</p>	Grade: Easy Closes: 25 Aug Map: BT19 BT20 Approx: \$45	
Sunday 4 September Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Brian Dougan
<p>Boundary Stream: This is a circuit into Boundary Ck hut and return via the South Branch of the Ashburton. The trip is an easy 5 hours on relatively flat country. Alternatively, we can go up to Double hut (which is in the same area) and if the party is fit/keen complete the circuit via Manuka hut. The Manuka circuit is a good 25 km or less than half that if you returned directly from Double Hut.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 1 Sep Map: BX18 Approx: \$20	

Thursday 8 September	Club Night
Bluff to Cape Reinga by cycle: Charles Afford will take us on this just 3 week ride from bottom to top (uphill all the way). Let's find out the trials and tribulations of this amazing feat!	
Weekend 10-11 September Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Antony White 381-5993 phoenixantony@gmail.com
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!	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 1 Sep Map: tbd Approx: \$TBA
Saturday 10 September Departure point: Shell Papanui	Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com
Latter Hill: A tramp along river flats in the Woodside area then up Latter Hill (609m) located on the Oxford side of the Otarama Gorge. Stunning views of the Torlesse Range's East end, the Waimak's Horseshoe Bends and the river's exit onto the Canterbury plains. Perhaps continuing on past pt.621 to Wilson Hill (872m). Return back via Trig Road where our mechanical boots will take us to celebrate and rehydrate. Email leader for more information. Back ~6 pm	Grade: Closes: 8 Sep Map: BW21 Approx: \$25
Weekend 10-11 September Leaving Saturday morning 7:30. Departure point: Caltex Russley	Leader: Steve Bruerton 322-6196 steve.ngaire@xtra.co.nz
Edwards Hut - Mt Scott - Mt Wilson: The trip will follow the river / track to Edwards Hut, approx 5hrs tramping. Depending on snow conditions and available time we may have a look at Mt Wilson and Mt Scott that afternoon and/or on Sun morning. Options to stop at the hut or walk on up the valley. Ice axe and crampons if you want to go above the valley floor.	Grade: Moderate with Climbing Options Closes: 1 Sep Map: BV20 BV21 Approx: \$40

Sunday 11 September		Leader: Richard Kimberley ph 326-6158	
Departure point: Shell Papanui			
<p>Avalanche Peak: We'll be going up Avalanche Peak (1833 m, about 1000m height gain) via Scott's Track. This track begins just north of the village and climbs through beech forest and then follows a poled route up the north-eastern spur of the Peak. There are some narrower sections near the summit. Arthur's Pass is a spectacular place in the winter and the top of Avalanche is THE place to be able admire it all from. Make sure you have an ice axe. Check with leader about crampons. Avalanche Peak is not named that for nothing: the leader will be checking with DOC on snow conditions and the trip may go elsewhere if necessary.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills)</p> <p>Closes: 8 Sep</p> <p>Map: K33</p> <p>Approx: \$25</p>	
Thursday 15 September		Club Night	
<p>Movie 'Death on the mountain:Women of K2': The title says it all (I have not seen it) – Alan</p>			
Saturday 17 September		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014 Tecbruce@gmail.com	
<p>Southshore: Another trip in the Coastal Exploring series especially for beginners. Starting at Bridge Reserve under the pines on Bridge Street we follow the Avon's track side path to Pleasant Point, continuing through the South New Brighton Park to emerge at Ebftide Street. Following the estuary's roads and shoreline we lunch at Spit Reserve. Heading norwest up the Southshore Park track / beach dependent on conditions to Bridge Street returning us back to the start point. Suitable for the inexperienced, apprehensive or families with children. It's short, flat, at a relaxed pace and even buggy friendly! There's a bus service through the middle if any should need it! The Brighton wind can be chilling so be sure to dress suitably, WINDPROOF! (Boots not necessary). Any doubts, contact the leader. Finish ~3PM</p>		<p>Grade: Easy</p> <p>Closes: 15 Sep</p> <p>Map: BX24</p> <p>Approx: \$0</p>	
Weekend 17-18 September		Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz	
Departure point: Shell Papanui			
<p>Otehake Hot Pool: 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 rivers or the same way back.</p>		<p>Grade: EasyMod</p> <p>Closes: 8 Sep</p> <p>Map: BU20 BU21 BV21</p> <p>Approx: \$35</p>	

Sunday 18 September		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366 Bryce.Williamson@canterbury.ac.nz	
<p>Mt Binser: Mt Binser is a commanding peak above the Mt White Road with panoramic views of the south-east Arthurs Pass National Park area. We start up the Binser Saddle track to the saddle (1085m) where we leave the track, heading up firstly through bush and then open slopes to pt 1753m. A few k's of superb ridge travel then brings us to the main peak (1868m, 1350m total height gain). With a car shuffle at the start we'll be able to drop down to the south-west to the road. Snow skills and snow toys probably required. Check with leader for an early start</p>		<p>Grade: ModHard (requires snow skills) Closes: 15 Sep Map: Approx: \$25</p>	
Weekend 24-25 September		Leader: Brian Dougan	
Departure point: Shell Papanui		srotje@yahoo.com	
<p>Devilskin Saddle: This trip in the Lewis Pass area links the Nina Valley and the Doubtful Valley via Devilskin Saddle. The route follows the valleys but we will stick to the open tops if the weather permits. Snow skills might still be required, please talk to the leader.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 15 Sep Map: BT23 BU23 Approx: \$35</p>	
Saturday 24 September		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 Closes: 22 Sep Map: L34 Approx: \$20</p>	
Sunday 25 September		Leader: Richard Lobb 351-2344	
Departure point: Shell Papanui			
<p>Bealey Spur to the hut: 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>		<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 22 Sep Map: K34 Approx: \$25</p>	

Thursday 29 September		Club Night
<p>Newsletter folding night: After we have folded the newsletters we will have some social time.</p>		
Saturday 1 October		Leader: Bruce Cameron 338-4014
Departure point: Shell Papanui		Tecbruce@gmail.com
<p>Ellangowen Reserve: Often passed by but rarely visited. A small reserve at the junction of Long Bay, Hickory and Summit roads behind Akaroa. Starting up the Takamatua Valley we follow an old stock route (Old Le Bons Track) up to the ridge. Then head along the top to Ellengowan reserve, and explore the 3 bluffs there.....So far so good but there's still more to come. Returning, there are several options and will be dictated by ewes and lambs. The good news is all are downhill. Route finalised Sept 29th</p>		<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 29 Sep Map: BY25 Approx: \$25</p>
Weekend 1-2 October		Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507
Departure point: Shell Papanui		thomas_matern@yahoo.co.nz
<p>Hawdon Hut: We will start at the Hawdon Shelter and follow the Hawdon River upstream to the spacious Hawdon Hut. The track stays in the riverbed all the way so the total height gain on this trip is about 80m. The Hawdon Hut is a quite new 20 bunk hut next to the river with a great view. From the hut there are options to walk up to Twin Falls or even further to a nice tarn on Walker Pass. Please make sure that you have got a valid hut pass or 3 hut tickets.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy Closes: 22 Sep Map: BV21 Approx: \$30 + Accom</p>
Thursday 6 October		Club Night
<p>Tramping in the North Island with Chantal McCarthy: Do you like 80s and 90s fashion? If so, then you're in for a treat! Come and see photos of beautiful North Island tramps we did when I was a kid - complete with the odd perm, karate shoes with black socks and other stunning forms of attire. Family holidays for us were heading off to remote locations and either camping or tramping - Coromandel, Ureweras, Taranaki and Tongariro National Park were places we spent a fair bit of time, so come along, see the sights and laugh at the family pics...</p>		

Saturday 8 October Departure point: Shell Papanui		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: 6 Oct Map: BV23 Approx: \$20	
Weekend 8-9 October Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Greg Hill 349-9808
<p>Anne Hut via Henry Saddle and Boucher Saddle: Visit the new Anne Hut on a weekend by crossing two great saddles and enjoy the warmth of the hut at night. Great views, wet feet and moderate scrub bash guaranteed.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 29 Sep Map: BT23 Approx: \$35 + hut fees	
Sunday 9 October Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931
<p>Black Hill: The Black Hill that overlooks the Rakaia, in the Canterbury foothills. It is a long day and a long way, but well worth it. We leave the cars by the Double Hill road and climb up Glenrock Stream to Turtons Saddle (I seem to remember some of the biggest tussocks I have ever walked through going up here) and then continue up the north-west ridge of Black Hill. The summit is 2067m and gives stunning 360 degree views over the Rakaia, the rest of the foothills, etc. From the summit we descend via Donald Hill (500m lower but some of the best views of all) and then back to the cars. The total climb is over 1600m which makes it a moderate-hard trip even though there is nothing remotely difficult - you need to be fit and able to keep going . . . There could be an early start at 7am - make sure you've contacted the leader.</p>	Grade: Moderate+ Closes: 6 Oct Map: BW20 Approx: \$25	
Saturday 15 October Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366
<p>Mt White: Mt White, 1741m, is at the more strenuous end of moderate just because of the height gain (about 1200m height gain from the cars) and length (15-20 k depending on our route on the day) but it is a lovely place with great views. We'll be able to make a loop with some good tops travel and a return on a 4wd track in the Esk Valley.</p>	Grade: Moderate Closes: 13 Oct Map: BV21 Approx: \$25	

Sunday 16 October Leader: Greg Hill 349-9808 Departure point: Shell Papanui	
<p>Sudden Valley: Sudden Valley is the home of a lovely little river, Sudden Valley Stream, which provides a very good summer water-and-rock-hopping trip. After crossing the Hawdon River we start up the Stream itself - multiple crossings back and forth, scrambling round a few easy bouldery sections, passing lovely pools and splashing rapids, a few diversions into the bush . . . There is a short steep climb of a couple of hundred metres to negotiate the Barrier Falls gorge and then we descend again and soon afterwards emerge into the more open river flats and stunning scenery of upper valley with Mts Wilson and Scott above us. We head to the new Sudden Valley Biv for lunch and then travel back the same way.</p>	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 13 Oct Map: BV21 Approx: \$20

Long Weekend 22-24 October Leader: Bernhard Parawa 981-4931 Departure point: Shell Papanui	
<p>1000 Acre Plateau: Join Bernhard on this long weekend on a trip up the 1000 Acre Plateau. Leaving on Friday evening with a camp along the way and head up early to Matiri lake. From there lug our packs on to the 1000 acre plateau & wander around aimlessly discovering things. Back Monday.</p>	Grade: Moderate (requires snow skills) Closes: 13 Oct Map: BR23 Approx: \$50+Accom

Long Weekend 22-24 October Leader: Thomas Matern 385-3507 Departure point: Shell Papanui	
<p>Hawdon - Edwards: This trip didn't go on the Easter weekend, let's hope the weather is a better this time. 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 and make our way down a steep, bad scree section to Taruahuna Pass. We will camp in the Edwards valley (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. If there is still snow around we will stay in the Hawdon Hut and the Edwards Hut which makes the second day a bit longer.</p>	Grade: Easy/Mod Closes: 13 Oct Map: BV20 BV21 Approx: \$40

Saturday 29 October Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Antony White Phone 332 8704 381-5993	
<p>Travers - Travatore: Travers Peak (1724m) is just above the Lewis Pass Highway, accessed from the west via a nice bush track. From Travers we can descend a couple of hundred metres and trot over to Trovatore (1737m) and then - conditions allowing - head north-east along the ridge to pick up a nice descent into a stream. That takes us down to the Maruia and thus we can pick up the St James back to the Lewis Pass carpark. Height gain about 1000m+, snow skills and ice axe and crampons are a must. Early start - contact leader, and this trip could go on Sunday instead, depending on the weather.</p>		<p>Grade: ModHard Closes: 27 Oct Map: Approx: \$35</p>	
Sunday 30 October Departure point: Shell Papanui		Leader: Bryce Williamson 351-6366	
<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. We will approach and return via Carlyle Stream on the south side of the main ridge. Long day tramping (8-10 hours), much bush-bashing, and around 1400m height gain. Bring ice-axe. Should be great! Note: early start.</p>		<p>Grade: Moderate Closes: 27 Oct Map: BU23 Approx: \$25</p>	
Multi day trip 6-11 November Departure point: Contact Leader		Leader: Craig Beere 381-0839 havokk@ihug.co.nz	
<p>Milford Track [Advance Notice]: Craig has walked all the Great Walks except the Milford. It is time to tick it off. Come and join him on a trip described as 'the finest walk in the world' by the poet Blanche Baughan in 1908. The plan is to drive to Te Anau on Sunday 6 Nov, walk the track over the next four days, then drive home on Friday (Canterbury Anniversary Day). Optionally we can spend a night in Milford Sound and go for a cruise. Will require 4 days off work.</p>		<p>Grade: Easy/Mod Closes in September Map: CB08 Approx: \$450</p>	

Trip Reports

From the archives. October 1977: A Winter Walk

Clear frosty weather saw 50 lb packs being lugged up the Waimak. A leisurely lunch at the Carrington Palace and on up the White River to Barker. Nor-west clouds chased us up as we neared the hut, which was half buried in snow. By the time we had the tea cooked it was snowing. The next day strong winds and white-out conditions dictated that we stay put. The day was spent in constructing an igloo over the doorway of the hut. This venture failed due to improper planning. Day 3 dawned clear and sunny but with lots of snow lying

about. After a reconnaissance to the ridge above the hut, all thoughts of climbing Mt Murchison were abandoned due to the avalanche danger, so we decided to push on over to the Burnett Stream. An hour later we were back on the ridge after collecting our packs from the hut. Despite our heavy packs the second time up was easier and quicker due to the line of steps we had already plugged. Walking down the Burnett Stream was made easy because of hard snow covering the boulders, and turning up the Wilberforce we headed for Urquharts Hut. The weather was turning norwest again and started to rain.

It rained all night, so the next day we decided to push on to Park Morpeth Hut. One and a half hours later we called it a day and settled into Park Morpeth. The weather by now was very cold and the rain had turned to snow. The next morning, after much discussion, we decided to tackle Pope Pass. Early morning mist hung around as we crunched our way over fresh snow up the Wilberforce. As we climbed on a mixture of hard and soft snow the mist cleared and from the top of the Pass there were fantastic views in all directions. As we stood looking we heard a sound and turned to see an avalanche, not 100 yards from where we stood, slide into our intended path. Three rather worried trampers had a quick conference to decide what to do. The decision was to proceed with caution. On the way down, the slope we were on made several loud noises as it settled a bit. The sight of three heavily laden trampers trying to run in knee deep powder snow must have made a funny sight, although at the time we were deadly serious. A very welcome lunch break was had in Julia before tackling the mighty scrub bash necessary to get to the Taipo. A quick burst of speed saw us at the Mid-Taipo Hut before dark. It had been a fairly energetic 9 hour day. The last day was just a case of bashing down the Taipo to the road. Just to make it interesting, we managed to get lost a couple of times. A good winter trip which would have been easier had there been some good frosts to consolidate the snow.

Ian Dephoff

More about the CTC

Club Officers

<i>President:</i>	Warwick Dowling	981-2045	<i>Day Trip Organiser:</i>	Antony White	381-5993
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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 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 Fiona Green, ph. 359 5965. 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 25 September 2011 – Thanks.