

OTMC Bulletin



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*Lukas and Wayne during compass day on Mt Cargill – photo by Debbie
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Upcoming Trips & Events

Eyre Mountains - Beech Hut Fiordland (East Eglinton to Hollyford)

Earnslaw Burn Davidson's Farm on Mihiwaka / Mt Kettle

Silver Peaks River Track Big Hut - Rock and Pillar Range

Moa Flat Cycling Coal Creek Circuit (Silverstream area) Ship at Anchor

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Membership Debbie Pettinger, Membership Secretary

There has been a flurry of membership renewals over the last few weeks and it is great to now have over 130 members paid there 2019/20 subscriptions. There are still around 70 people to pay. If you are one of these people, please note that your subscription is now overdue. Please pay directly to the club bank account (with 'subs' and your name as reference), post a cheque or see me on a Thursday night. If you do not wish to remain an OTMC member, please email me (debspettinger@gmail.com) so you will not continue to receive annoying reminder emails from me.

We welcome Becky Jones and Louise Shaw as new members and we farewell Dave Wilson, Trevor Deaker, Susie Szakats, Rob Mitchell, Wolfgang Gerber, Jackie & Keith Clearwater, Cailyn McConnell and Andrea Hudson.

Updated OTMC Search and Rescue Procedure

The OTMC are committed to running safe tramping trips for all participants. A key part of our safety has always been based on making sure someone knows where you are going, and what to do if you do not return as expected.

The club has existing procedures to appoint a Dunedin based SAR contact person for all trips, and this has not changed. For weekend trips, the SAR contact details will be given to all participants, and in return the SAR contact will have a full SAR list with emergency contact details for everyone.

As day trips are run differently, we leave a list of participants and other details on the SAR from at the clubrooms. A SAR contact still needs to be arranged beforehand, their

role is to contact the Police or a club official in the event the party fail to return by a pre-arranged time.

Now that we use PLB's on all trips, we also need to provide details of who are on our trips to our PLB contacts – in the event a PLB is activated, the Rescue Coordination Centre will contact us for further details of the party who have activated a PLB as their first response. The only time a PLB was activated on a club trip, our PLB contacts did not have details of the party. As a result, we have simplified how to get this information to the PLB contacts:

Weekend Trips: When emailing your SAR list to your SAR Contact, cc the email to: otmcplb@gmail.com

Day Trips: If possible, use your phone (or ask someone on the trip who has a phone / data plan) to take a photo of the SAR list before leaving the list at the clubrooms. Email this list to you pre-arranged SAR contact and to otmcplb@gmail.com

In both cases, all emails sent to otmcplb@gmail.com are automatically for-

warded to our three PLB contacts. This procedure is designed to be a simple way of providing the information our SAR and PLB contacts require, and it is important we practice what we teach at Bushcraft.

Blank SAR forms and other leadership information are available on the [OTMC Website](#).

President's Comment: Antony Pettinger

The Annual General Meeting was well attended by members, and I thank everyone who contributed to the meeting. The AGM is the time when the Committee seek feedback from our members and helps set the direction for the next year or more. We have no new committee members this year, and your committee size of nine members is the smallest it has been for many years. We have since held our first committee meeting, and all roles have been filled.

There are two important ways everyone in the club can assist the committee. The first is to offer to lead a trip or tramping party. First and foremost, we are a tramping club, and without leaders we won't have trips. We are currently compiling both the day and weekend trip programme from November through to the end of April. For the weekend trips, we have allocated the dates for the weekend trips already. The idea behind this is to have a summer trip every two weeks or so (the long weekend opportunities don't fit neatly into this plan). This leaves a spare weekend between trips which allows a backup weekend if a trip can't go ahead due to weather. It also avoids having trips every weekend – our analysis of trip numbers indicates that this is counter-productive to attendance on all the trips. The planned weekend format is included on the trip programme on our website.

It was noted at the AGM that day trips are still a very important activity for the club – leading a day trip is an easy way to contribute to the running of the club, and is a great start to a leadership role. It was agreed at the AGM that non-tramping day trips (cycling trips, work parties etc.) should be held on a

Saturday, leaving Sundays for tramping trips. Of course, we can still have tramping trips on Saturdays as well. There is a [leadership guide for day trips](#) on our website. Please contact Wayne Hodgkinson (weekend trips) or Tomas Sobek (day trips) if you can lead a trip.

The second way you can help the committee is with the Thursday night programme – we are always on the lookout for speakers – ideally on an outdoor related topic. We have been lucky to be able to achieve a weekly speaker programme for many years, this is a credit to our Thursday night organisers. We get quite a lot of ideas for speakers from members, so if you know of anything please let Richard Forbes (lead) or Debbie Pettinger know.

The upper section of the Escarpment Track from Pigeon Hill to Cowan Road was discussed (and has been discussed in the Bulletin earlier this year). There was no definitive outcome from the meeting, with both support for and against retaining / maintaining it, but not enough to make a decision yet. There is a large number of members who have not had the pleasure of traversing this section of the track, I think the next step will be to run a couple of familiarisation trips over the track and then have another think about it.

We presented an update on the OTC/OTMC Centenary, which is now just four years away. The Centenary Weekend will be held over Labour Weekend in 2023. The running of '100 Trips for 100 Years' will commence at Labour Weekend 2022 which will provide an ongoing reminder of the upcoming Centenary. The format of the Centenary Weekend

will be similar to previous Anniversaries, but we will have an extra day, more daylight and hopefully warmer weather on our side.

I presented two more ideas for Centenary projects for further consideration at AGM, a commemorative seat at Pineapple Point and a traverse of the southern section of the Te Araroa Trail as a feature of the year's trips following the Centenary itself (you can read

more about these ideas elsewhere in this Bulletin).

Finally, this is Tomas Sobek's first Bulletin as Editor (if you reading this it means it has all gone to plan!). The committee enthusiastically endorsed Tomas's offer to become our Editor, and we know he will do a great job. Thanks Tomas!

Antony Pettinger
President

Centenary Projects – Two New Proposals

We all know how much of a role the OTMC has played in many members lives over many years, so the Centenary will be an important event for a lot of past and present members. Rather than put a lot of effort into just the Centenary weekend, which is then all over in just three days, the projects we are suggesting allows the club to celebrate our 100 years of history over a longer period. We are already committed to the '100 Trips for 100Years' project in 2022-23, and we have now added two additional projects for the Centenary.

The first is based around Pineapple Point, located beside the current Pineapple Track as it heads up to Flagstaff. We have all heard the stories about how Oscar Balk, the driving force behind the formation of the club, and our first President, enjoyed tinned pineapple while taking people up Flagstaff, leaving the tins on the fence as markers. Recent research has identified this practice predates the club, so it may or may not be completely correct, but it is a good story. What is clear is that a prominent point as you come out of the bush was a well-known stopping point in the 1910's as it has excellent views in all directions. Indeed, the very first club trip stopped here on September 1, 1923. This is Pineapple Point. The view today is obscured by a small clump of tall broom that would not be too hard to bring under control.

The proposal is to clear the site, restore the view, and install a seat, along with a plaque and information sign outlining the history of

the area, and the importance of the point to early trampers and the club. The 'unveiling' could happen on either August 23, 2023 (the true Centenary), or September 1, 2023 (100 years to the day since our first trip to this very spot). A trip during the Centenary weekend would also be arranged.

The second proposal is to continue a tramping theme for the Centenary – a theme for the weekend trips starting from after the Centenary Celebrations could be a traverse of the section of the Te Araroa Trail from the southern bank of the Rakaia to Bluff over a series of trips for the next year or so (if there was interest this could be extended further north towards the Arthurs Pass area).

The sections from Rakaia to Bluff are 756km long, and the average tramping time required is 41.75 days. We would have to decide if we want to be true to completing the whole trail, or skip (or cycle) some of the road sections (such as Tekapo to Ohau, Queenstown to Greenstone etc). Some sections are closed around September to November for lambing, but we would plan around this. There are a few sections that are 3-4 days, so we would have to be able to have some more long weekends (days off work). Cross-over trips for these sections are probably unrealistic, so we would be looking at using drivers to bring the transport through the other end.

Both ideas appear to have both merit and interest, so we will progress these during the year.

From our Archives

The first Otago Tramping Club Weekend Trip

Labour Weekend 1923

The club holds in its archives an early tramping diary from Miss L. Tweedy, a keen member in our formative years. This diary provides a lot of information on our early trips, with some extensive day trips being recorded that we would struggle to replicate today. One of the early entries was a report of the first multi-day trip the club undertook at Labour Weekend, 1923. Our club history reports up to 60 people present on the top of Silver Peak during the weekend (a combination of three club trips). This is Miss Tweedy's report, copied verbatim from the original. The last reference I have found so far to Miss Tweedy (first names were not used for many years) was as a leader for a 'Older Members Trip' (Lang's Track and McIntyre's) in April 1952. I'd say her age then would have been in her 40's, I wonder what she might have thought now our average age is in the 50's.

L. Tweedy Diary One

20 October – 22 October 1923

Saturday: Assembled at the residence of Mr Balk, Drivers Road at 2.30 and left at 3.20pm for Whare Flat, via Golf Links. Heavy mist, very good walking. Arrived at house about 6pm and prepared tea and spent evening playing 500, supper 10.30 and then retired about 20 to 12 pm (sic)

Members of our party:

Mr Balk (President)

Miss Balk

Miss McLean

Mr G Pearson

Mr G Spiers

Mrs C Hayward

Miss G Parker

Miss Tweedy (author)

Mr T Hunter

Mr E Sutherland

Mr C Hayward (Secretary)

Miss Mackie

Mr G Annison

Mr C Welsh

Mr Robertson

Sunday: Arose at 5.30am, most of us went for walk along Haiyontal Bar, returning 7.15, breakfast 7.45 and left the house at 9.30am and did a bit of touring about Whare Flat. Some of the party had a swim in stream. Left foot of hill at noon and climbed up the Chalkies. (Met party of 12 youths, who tramped a few miles with us). Had a spell and some fruit and on again.

Boiled the billy about 3 o'clock and made sandwiches for party. Walking on down Parvenea and along railway line to Mt Allan arriving there 7pm. Got luggage and provisions from Station. Had a stunner tea, chops and spuds in their jackets.

Went for a walk along the side of a stream and river, a perfectly moonlight night, slept on floor, some straw for a mattress.

Monday: Arose at 5.20am, lovely morning, for breakfast had scrambled eggs on toast, good. Cut up bread for sandwiches and then 7 of us left for Silver Peaks (Miss Parker strained or wrenched her ankle and had to stay at Mt Allan).

Walked for an hour and started a fire and boiled tin of water for the party who were coming from Mt Allan railway station (38 arrived by the train from Dunedin).

The other 7 of our party came up first and then we went on leaving them to look after the train party.

On again, had an orange, later on some pineapple and 3 of our party arrived at Silver Peak 12 noon.

The others arrived in due course and then we all had lunch.

Stayed on Silver Peak until 2.30pm and then made our way to Waitati. Had a few spells so as not to arrive too early. Train left Waitati at 5 past 7 and arrived in Dunedin about 8pm.

Mr Clayton and about 6 other members of the OTC spent the weekend at Red Hut, we met them on Silver Peak.

The weather was perfect, glorious sunshine all Sunday and Monday.

Leader of our party: Mr Balk
Chaperon: Mrs Hayward

A tramp to remember all our lives.

Advance Notice: Xmas social trip 30th Nov – 1st Dec



This year our Xmas social trip is going to go and camp at Mavora Lakes. Plenty of options here to fill in the days from kayaking, mountain biking, swimming, ...maybe even some tramping! So put it on the calendar (may even be an option to go for an extra day or two) and more details to come later.

Letter from Dunedin 60+ Tramping Club



Celebrating Tramping in Dunedin

We noted with interest that recently OTMC reenacted the first organized tramp that led the formation of OTC and then OTMC some 96 years ago, with a tramp up to Flagstaff.

The day 96 years ago was a noticeable event, but tramping has now become an activity enjoyed widely across the community including by retirees such as our 60+ Group. So we also decided to repeat this first Dunedin tramp, both to commemorate the day, acknowledge the significance to OTMC and the others that walk the Dunedin

and far away hills. We did this on 12/9/2019 on a blustery westerly but fine day. We of course also followed history with having pineapple included for morning tea at Pineapple point. It was a good tramp and attached are a couple of photos for your records of us at Pineapple Point and then the Flagstaff summit. We returned via Ben Rudd's shelter, noting the good changes OTMC work has achieved.

We wish OTMC well with its upcoming centennial, another notable achievement.

Members of 60+ Tramping Club.



Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

16th June: Stone Hill / Purehurehu Pt

Six members and one non-member set off directly up Stone Hill from sea level. Route finding posed something of a dilemma — avoid the thistles and fight the wind or climb through the thistles but out of the wind. We all made up our minds independently and struggled up, discussing on the way whether the hill was so-called because of the large number of stones on the top or because one of the early owners of the farm on its flanks was a Mrs Stone.



Otago Harbour (photo by Gordon Tocher)

Anyway we all straggled up to the top at about 300 metres where we could get good views of the harbour and where we had come from. Posed for the obligatory group photo on one of these amazing new cameras that also make phone calls.

Then over the top, down to Heyward Point Road and out of the wind for a few hundred metres and then off down through more paddock all the while attempting to circumvent the worst of the muddy bits and finally emerged at Kaikai Beach where we peeked into a sea cave that has been set up for sleep overs. The weather was sunny and sheltered for a relaxed lunch with time to examine the local deceased fauna and pronunciation practice of the name Purehurehu Point.

Then back by a different and definitely less steep route up, although the final descent was just as steep as it had been in the morning. However, by then the wind had

dropped, so route planning was somewhat easier.

Chris Handley for Lucy Jones, Sandy Karamchiti, Lauren Freeman, Mark Stephenson, Ken Taylor and Gordon Tocher.

8th September: Compass and navigation day trip

A small group of enthusiastic club members set off on Sunday 8 September for a compass and navigation skills day trip. We met at the club room just before 9am and while it was overcast the road was dry so we were a little surprised to find ourselves in a light dusting of snow on Mt Cargill just a few minutes later.

Our task was to follow a pre-set course on a map to find 18 markers that had been placed at various points. Soon after we set off the grey clouds turned to hail and snow. Not to be deterred, I decided the snowy and claggy conditions were excellent for a training and skills development day as I could easily end up in a situation where I needed these skills in poor weather conditions. On any trip the weather conditions can change quickly: a route can be clagged in, snow can create white out or you can simply walk off a track and not realise for quite a while. The day also provided a great opportunity to practice working as a group with Luka, Ash and I under the watchful eye of our Club committee members.

We started out with each person taking turns to find the bearing to the marker. We were a little slow to start with but as our confidence developed we were soon comparing bearings, turning in various half-circles and suggesting landmarks as well as trying to estimate how far we had walked. Several times the visibility reduced to under 100 metres. When that happened Luka and I took a bearing and sent out a very willing (and surprisingly nimble!) Ash to go ahead 20 or 30 metres while we stayed put. Once Ash stopped, Luka and I would double check the

bearing and signal whether Ash should move left or right. It was good system and by the time we were nearing completion we were even able to see the markers from where we'd taken our bearing.

We started out eyes glued to the map, holding on to the compass tightly. But we grew in confidence and were soon picking up the best landmarks to fix the bearing to. Anthony and Debbie helpfully guided some of us away from slavishly following a straight line route to the landmark since once the bearing was clear it wasn't necessary to go in a straight line – we could go around obstacles or move on and off a track (especially good for us shorties who can't scale logs!). After a couple of hours I was definitely more confident and willing to debate the correct bearing, read the map and relate it to our surroundings. I thoroughly recommend this way of

learning or for brushing up on skills – it's safe and was fun to do in a group. Thanks for organising this Anthony and Debbie!

Joy Liddicoat on behalf of Antony Pettinger, Ash Flintoff, Debbie Pettinger, Lukas König, and Wayne Hodgkinson



Joy, Ash, Lukas, and Antony (photo by Debbie)

Upcoming Weekends

Club Trip List for the month (weekend overnight tramps and events)

You must pre-register on the Trip List at the club rooms (or contact the leader direct) before the closing date (normally two weeks before the trip start). Members must pay before departure, non-members upon registering (non-members pay \$13 more than the members fee shown below).

Vehicle providers may be exempt from the fee (check with the leader).

Trip organisational details will follow by email.

You are responsible for your gear and medical / first-aid needs (also see Gear Hire).

(E)asy, (M)edium, (F)itness required.

12-13th October: Eyre Mountains - Beech Hut (M/F) \$50 Tim Russell 027 959 3270

The easiest way to get to Beech Hut is to follow the upper Mataura river valley, however we plan to take a fitter route to the hut.

We can either camp by the car on Friday night or take a stroll 1.5 hours up valley to the comfort of Shepherd Creek Hut. On Saturday we will take a very scenic ridge route (over pts 1242 and 1328) to Beech Hut. Beech Hut served as a musterer's hut for much of its 114 year life and is a 4 bunk (very) basic hut with undeniable character. We'll need to bring a tent in case the hut is busy.

Sunday's effort will see us heading down the Mataura River to Cowshed Hut and crossing

back over to Eyre Creek via Pt. 1242. Come and explore a much under-rated area with a great network of huts and is unfamiliar to most.



Beech Hut (photo by Tim Russell)

**26-28th October: (Labour Weekend)
Fiordland (East Eglinton to Hollyford)
(All) \$60 Antony Pettinger 473 924**

Here is your chance to enjoy a three-day trip in Fiordland. This will be an 'old school' OTMC trip with different options for different grades of fitness or aspirations. There is a trip for everyone in Fiordland with options between the East Eglinton River right through to the Hollyford turnoff (and a bit more). Participants will be arranged into small self-contained parties, each with an experienced leader and each party is free to choose their own trip within the wider area - here are some options:

- A full traverse of the Livingstone Mountains from East Eglinton to The Divide. Probably a MF trip over three days with a mix of tracked and untracked areas. This is a camping trip and can be done in either direction with options to swap East Eglinton for Cascade Creek or drop down into the Greenstone via Duck Creek.
- Earl Mountains: Mistake Creek - Hut Creek circuit is a moderate two day trip with a third day to explore elsewhere such as the impressive Homer Saddle, Gertrude Saddle (both if conditions allow), Lake Marion or Key Summit and onto the Livingstones.
- Routeburn Track: The Great Walk season starts straight after Labour Weekend so

you could visit McKenzie Hut and day trip to Harris Saddle.

- Greenstone - Steele Creek - Caples - McKellar Saddle circuit. This is a fitter trip and has the option of cutting across the western side of the Ailsa Mountains to meet up with the Routeburn Track at Earland Falls.

Friday night will be camping in one of DoC campsites. Please indicate on the trip list your preferred grade of fitness and preferred trip.

**9-10th November: Earnslaw Burn
(M-M/F) \$60 Rodger Clarkson 473 6053**

Earnslaw Burn is a spectacular valley below Mt Earnslaw with great views of the glacier. We'll camp somewhere near the head of Lake Wakatipu on the Friday night. On Saturday it's about a 4 ½ hour tramp through beech forest to the Bushline at approx 900m, then the valley is fairly flat heading towards the South Face of Mt Earnslaw. Depending on the size of the group we may camp at different locations in the valley, or some may choose to stay at NZ's best? rock bivy at the bushline. We can go exploring to the head of the valley, surrounded by waterfalls coming off the glacier (Swim anyone?). On Sunday fitter members can head up to the ridgeline between the Earnslaw Burn and the Rees Valley before descending to meet the valley walkers, where the cars are parked by 4pm and returning to Dunedin by 9pm.

Upcoming Day Walks

Club Saturday & Sunday Trip List for the month (day tramps and events)

Unless otherwise stated day trips leave from the club rooms on Saturday/Sunday at 9am

if the weather is in doubt give the trip leader a phone call to check.

The trip fee is paid directly to the vehicle provider(s).

(E)asy, (M)edium, (F)itness required

**6th October: Davidson's Farm on
Mihiwaka / Mt Kettle
(M) \$5 Alan Thomson 455 7878**

This walk will be an experimental trip in the Mihiwaka area over a yet to be determined

track (a degree of exploring may be involved) with possibly a visit to the ruins of an old farmhouse.

Yes, you guessed it, not exactly sure where we may be going as have yet to do a recce but hopefully it will be an educational and

fun filled day in wide open spaces with expansive views coupled with a mix of forest road walking along with a bit of bush track walking, and maybe cutting. Bring your secateurs just in case.

**13th October: Silver Peaks River Tck
(M) \$8 Antony Pettinger 473 7924**

This trip replaces Richard's advertised trip, and will be unexplored for some. We'll start at the Hightop parking area, and head down the recently re-aligned Gold Miners Direct Track (now right behind the DoC sign at the carpark). From here we will follow the River Track on the true left of the South Waikouaiti River as far as the creek to the north of Hermit Ridge. A sharp climb up the track to the south of the Tunnels Track will bring us back to Mountain Road. If we didn't leave a vehicle here we will walk back along the road, which is more pleasant now as the trees have been removed and views restored. Expect 5-6 hours tramping time.

**20th October: Big Hut - Rock and Pillar Range
(M/F) \$10 Rob Seeley 472 7646**

Another go at this trip after last year's attempt – called off due to high wind. We had a nice walk from the Salt Lake to Lucy Jones' families' farm though, and drink and pikelets when we got there. Big thanks to Lucy's parents.

So, Big Hut, a climb of nearly 1000m of fairly steep track. Glorious views of course – doubly so if we can go beyond the hut to ridge. If the weather allows we should climb over the summit rocks and make a round trip with a descent of the Leaning Hut track.

Important note: From November till end of April all day walks start at 8 am, unless noted otherwise!

**2nd November: Moa Flat Cycling
(Cycle-M) PVT Jane Cloete 467 2328**

Meet at the clubrooms and leave promptly at 8am. (OR meet at Raes Junction at 9.30). Drive to Raes Junction and get on your bike!

20km along the main road to Etrick, turn left there to go up a hill which is long and steep and many will have to walk in parts! Along a ridge and down to Moa Flat (that's the only 5km of the trip that is flat!) then up again – not such long hills – to Edievale. A glorious run down back to Raes Junction finishes the trip. Coffee at Lawrence on the way home?

The whole ride is 60-65 km, and I estimate about 5 hours on the bike. Plus stops plus lunch – so we'll not be back in Dunedin until about 4.30pm.

You must have your own bike and be able to manage repairs – I can't do that for you.

If you and your bike need transport please contact me; or if you can transport others and their bikes, please also contact me.



OTMC 'cycle touring' the Rail Trail 2004 (photo by Antony Pettinger)

**3rd November: Coal Creek Circuit
(Silverstream area)
(M) \$5 Wayne Hodgkinson 473 0950**

Being almost all in bush, this trip can be run almost regardless of the weather! Leaving the clubrooms at 8:00am we will carpool to the Whare Flat carpark (\$5 to drivers please). We will warm up on the gently climbing (ie flatish) Racemans Track to the Top Weir. From here we can backtrack ½ km or so to start a steeper climb up the North Coal Creek Track as far as Trig Q for a view, and a break. We can then exercise democracy in action and decide whether to return to the Water Race via Little Coal Creek or Steve Amies Track. Back to the cars & return to the clubrooms. Should be 6 ½ hours or so. Expect some mud, and creek crossings.

**10th November: The Ship at Anchor
and Devils Creek
(M) \$10 Kathy Woodrow 455 4673**

The "Ship at Anchor" (S45 42.991 E169 49.716) is at an altitude of 980m. Both it and Devils Creek (S45 44.480 E169 49.244) are in the Te Papanui Conservation Park on the Lammermoor Range. This is an open and exposed spot so you need to be prepared

for extreme weather conditions. The day will be long and we may not be back until at least 5:30pm. There will be parts where there is no water available.

Please note that my ulterior motive to visit these two places (apart from the tramp) is to grab a couple of geocaches.

If the weather conditions are unfavourable then something in the Waipori Gorge or Lower Taieri Gorge will be possible backups.

Thursday Meetings

Thursday Club Social Meetings at the Club Rooms 3 Young Street, South Dunedin

*Members, non-members, visitors , all are welcome to these social events.
Doors open at 7:30 for an 8 pm start.*

3rd October: Flora we see tramping

Richard Forbes has a Science degree in Botany at Otago University and on many tramps he is on people pick his brain on plants we see on our tramps. Come along to the clubrooms to hear some quirky and interesting facts on selected unique flora we encounter in our great outdoors. I will try to use actual photos of plants on our trips. This will be kept brief because if I talked about all the plants we see will be there for days.

tramping over the next six months. Trip guidelines and tips on leading successful trip will also be discussed along with filling the final few dates on the day and weekend trip calendar.

24th October: BYO photos

The OTMC Bring Your Own Photo night is a great chance to share photos of your recent tramping trips. Please bring your sorted photos (up to max. of 20 photos per person) on a USB to show on the projector. Photos can be from day or weekend trips, club or private trips. We'd love to see where you've been over the winter tramping months.

10th October: Hollyford/Pyke with Gordon Tocher and Wayne Hodgkinson

Over Easter this year and the week following six club members set out to travel the Hollyford / Pike circuit on the Fiordland Coast. A number of challenges presented themselves most of which were overcome on this 9 day trip. Come along and hear about rain like only Fiordland can generate, enormous blisters, a wasp attack and strength sapping gravel. Epic, but we all left smiling.

31st October: Brendan Penwarden Strength, agility and endurance for tramping

Having some degree of strength, agility and endurance is very helpful to a trumper as it makes our trips safer, more enjoyable, somewhat easier, and we can reliably get to a lot more places. Besides a keen trumper, Brendan ran his first marathon as a schoolboy in 1977 and is a lifelong competitor in marathons, sprint and ironman triathlon, road and mountain bike cycling and believes there are a number of key training principles that can benefit trampers of all ages and

17th October: Trip planning evening

The weather is warming and that makes for great tramping trips. Planning for the summer trip card is well underway and this is your chance to see where the OTMC will be

ability. He will share some training concepts and plans that we can use pre-season and also during the tramping calendar.

7th November: TBA

There will be a social program, but we keep it secret for now.

14th November: Gordon Tocher & co St James Walkway

Earlier this year a party of 10 ventured further afield. Getting all the way to Lewis Pass takes a while, but we will take a short cut tonight with Tomas' quality photos and Gordon's quality jokes and stories. Come and you might leave wanting to go too.

October / November 2019

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3 Flora we see tramping with Richard Forbes	4	5	6 Davidson's Farm, Mihinaka Alan Thomson 455 7878
7 Cmtte	8	9	10 Hollyford/Pyke Gordon Tocher and Wayne Hodgkinson	11	12	13 Unexplored Silver Pks (8am) Richard Pettinger 027 950 4517
					Eyre Mountains - Beech Hut Tim Russell 027 959 3270	
14	15	16	17 Trip planning evening with Wayne	18	19	20 Big Hut - Rock and Pillar Rob Seeley 03 472 7646
21	22	23	24 BYO photos	25	26	27 <i>No Day Trip</i>
					(Labour Weekend) Fiordland (East Eglinton to Hollyford) Antony Pettinger 03 473 924	
28	29	30	31 Strength, agility and endurance for tramping-Brendan Penwarden	1	2 Moa Flat cycling with Jane Cloete 03 467 2328	3 Coal Creek Circuit Wayne Hodgkinson 03 473 0950
4	5	6	7 TBA	8	9	10 Ship at Anchor, Kathy Woodrow 03 455 4673
					Earnslaw Burn Rodger Clarkson 03 473 6053	
11	12	13	14 St James Walkway, Gordon Tocher & others	15	16 Moonlight Silver Peaks, 7pm Antony Pettinger 03 473 7924	17 Heyward Point, Geraldine Kerr 021 02479822

Note from the editor

Please email your contributions for November issue to info@tomassobekphotography.co.nz by *Wednesday 16 October*. Though I appreciate earlier delivery, so that I can start piecing it together without rushing. If you include a photo or two, please note appropriate captions (names of people pictured, names of land features, etc.)