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Brief Trip Schedule

October		
4	Club Night	Burn Hut construction video Jason
7-8	Penn Creek Hut	Clayton Fairbrother
14-15	Hidden Lakes Kowhai/Tui	Leader to be allocated
21-23	Labour Weekend- Sandra and Julie – Ruahine Long Weekend	
29	Gentle Annie Circuit	Margaret Beale
November		
1	Club Night	Tony Gazley
4-5	Cattle Ridge Hut	Ben Parsons
11-12	SAREX	
12	Tinui Cross	Janet Hayes
18	60th Dinner	
19	Trimble Trust (Wyeth's) Short trip with Snapper over his old trapping ground	
25-26	Te Kopi Homestead	Nigel Boniface
December		
3	Day Trip to Boggy Pond – Lake Wairarapa Wetlands	Graham Lenihan
6	Club Night Ed and Juliet Cooke on travelling and tramping in Tasmania.	
10	Mystery Trip	Mystery Leader
13	Christmas BBQ at Holdsworth	
27	Post Xmas Blue Range work out.	Jason Christensen



Masterton Tramping Club Inc.

Spring Trip Schedule 2017



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The Club meets at 7.30pm, on the first Wednesday of each month, except January. Venue is the Masterton Community Centre, 41 Perry Street.

Prospective members are welcome to come along on Club nights. For further information contact one of the above officers. We suggest you take part in at least two trips before joining, to make sure you enjoy yourself!

Those wishing to go on trip need to contact the leader on, or before, the Thursday prior. Trips leave from the car park opposite the Red Cross in Church St. Travel costs are approximate, it depends on how many are in a vehicle, and the price of petrol!

If a party is overdue, contact one of the above officers, or the Police (111).

Trip Gradings

Easy 3-6 hours, little climbing. Suitable for beginners.

Easy+ 3-6 hours, probably some short hills.

Average 5-8 hours, some experience required, almost certainly some hill work.

Fit 6+ hours, Good fitness required, may go off track. Stops for lunch and 'smoko'.

Gradings are a guide only, weather and track conditions may make trip harder.

All potential members are urged to start with an easy trip so as to judge their fitness, confidence and ability. If in doubt check with the trip leader.

The Club has some gear for members to borrow:

1 each 2 & 3 person Macpac Tent.

1- four person fly. 1- two person fly.

4 pairs of Crampons and & Ice Axes. Contact Nigel

Trip Leaders are reminded to collect the Locator Beacon from Ian & Lorraine Anstis, and arrange to return it to them. Leaders should also notify Carol McCabe, Graeme Lenihan and Heather Pederson of the numbers on the trip and any other useful information for RCC. [If you take your own beacon inform your contacts.](#)

October

4 **Club Night-** Jason – Burn Hut in the Western Tararuas was built by the local community and Deer Stalkers Club. Tonight we have a short video of the building process.

Ten minute training session – River crossing - Barry

7-8 **Penn Creek Hut**
A rare visit to the Otaki Forks road end and this 6 bunk hut. Visit historic Field Hut, good views to the south on a good day.
Leader: **Clayton Fairbrother Ph 021621935 Grade: Ave Cost \$20**

14 or 15 **Hidden Lakes** Leader to be arranged
Club Trip to view the Kowhai in full blossom (follow up to popular September trip to the same area) Sign up on Club night and we'll see who we can find to lead us there.
Leader: Grade: Easy Cost \$8

21-23 **Labour Weekend in the Ruahines**
Two nights in the Ruahines
In at Ngamoko Road End and over to Leon Kinvig Hut via the Apiti Track, then out via Makaretu Hut and Happi Daze Hut via stream.
Leaders: Julie Ph: 3702102 and Sandra Ph: 210617054
Grade: Ave Cost \$40

29 **Gentle Annie Saddle**
Join Margaret on a half day trip on an interesting circuit from Holdsworth.
Leader: Margaret Beale Grade: Easy Cost: \$8

November

1 **Club Night** Tony Gazley
A snapshot of six of Tony's big days out in the South Island, including the Raglan Range and the Takitimus. Tony will also bring over some of his excellent tramping calendars for purchase. If you would like one they are \$20 each but reduced to \$15 for our Club Members.

Ten minute training session – What to take on Summer trips.

- 4-5 **Cattle Ridge Hut**
Join Ben for an overnight trip to this recently refurbished Hut.
Leader: Ben Parsons Ph:06 329 8839 Grade: Average Cost: \$10
- 12 **Tinui Cross**
Join Janet on a trip up the Tinui Taipos after the Cross track reopens for the summer season.
Leader: Janet Hayes Ph: 3771497 Grade: Easy Cost: \$10
- 18 Saturday **60th Dinner** Join the Club for a dinner at the Mt Bruce Hall.
5pm for drinks, welcome at 6pm, dinner and entertainment to follow.
Historical Presentation of the Club's involvement with three huts –
Atiwhakatu, Mitre Flats and Blue Range, presented by John Rhodes.
RSVP by 31 October to Barry Paget 3782817 or
bpaget@paradise.net.nz (\$35pp)
- 19 Sunday **Snapper's trip**
An easy farm walk over Snapper's old trapping ground owned by the
Trimble Trust.
**Leader: Graeme Pederson (Snapper) Ph. 3774396 Grade: Easy
Cost: \$8**
- 25-26 **Te Kopi Homestead**
Stay overnight at this DOC cottage on Palliser Bay. Day trips to
Palliser lighthouse and the Pinnacles. A shared meal at night.
Leader: Nigel Boniface Ph. 378 6556 Grade: Easy Cost: \$40
- December**
- 3 Day Trip to **Boggy Pond** – Lake Wairarapa Wetlands
An Easy Trip to view some of the plantings described to us by Ross
Cottle in his September talk to the club.
Leader: Graham Lenihan Grade: Easy Cost \$12
- 6 Club Night
Ed and Juliet Cooke telling us of their travels and tramps in Tasmania
and including photos.

Ten Minute Session – Landscape Photography – how to capture the
moment.
- 10 Mystery Trip
Leader: That's a mystery too! Grade: Easy Cost: \$10
- 13 Christmas BBQ at Holdsworth
- 27 Post Xmas Blue Range work out. Jason Christensen

Trip Reports

Manawatu Gorge Walk 2 July Sandra Burles

With the Manawatu Gorge road being closed, and the Bridge cafe not being open, our normal plan to walk west to east was changed to ease car movements.
Car logistics were sorted by Nigel and we were off to our prospective start points - a great view of Mt Ruapehu and the windmills in the cloud from the saddle road for those starting in Ashurst. Group 1-Nigel, Flo, Laura and Mike started from the Woodville side with an extra half an hour detour around a track slip they found. Group 2 -Thea, Stan and Sandra met Jason at the Ashurst side, encountering lots of other day-walkers at this end of the track.
An interesting walk with plenty of viewpoints to windmills, the quiet road, waterfalls and the mighty river. The bush was vibrant green and shiny with recent rain, a few birds singing and plenty of fungi to look at (including a photographer at the side of the track with fluro-orange fungi shots). The two groups met for lunch at the 5km mark with picnic table and windmill view.
The walk continued after lunch with both groups on a down-hill slope to road ends. The car swap and group meet-up with hot chocolates was completed at the Tui HQ Brewery.

Mangatainoka Hot Springs overnight tramp. 7 – 9 July.

Jason, Julie and Sandra left Masterton Friday night, stopping in Dannevirke for quick dinner then on along the back roads and gravel to reach "The Gums" campground at the end of Makahu Road. Despite driving through rain showers on the way, the road end was dry and quiet. We set up the tents then walked to the Mangatutu hot springs for a soak. We settled into one hot pool, leaving the other for the 5 local shepherds that arrived later (although they declined the soak and returned to their Friday night drive.)
Saturday morning we packed up camp, repacked our packs with dry tents and walked back along the access road to the Makino Hut track. A short steep climb through Kanuka forest gained us some height and great views to the Kaweka range and surrounding farmland. The track undulated through the kanuka and we arrived at Makino Hut for lunch in the sun. Makino is a bright orange 6 bunk hut in a small clearing, we met a family of 5 and a group of 2 near the hut.

We returned to the track junction and checked out the views into the Mohaka river valley. Our descent took us down to the Te Puia track. At the bottom of the hill we followed the Mohaka river upstream to reach the Mangatainoka hot springs and campsite.
A quick brew and camp set up ensued and then it was into the hot tubs – sharing with 5 chatty ladies from Auckland. Dinner was next with a friendly (just-waking-up) morepork and an adventurous possum, followed by a shared desert. We returned to the hot pools for another 3.5 hours of soaking. No other campers or hut stayers arrived so we had the pools to ourselves. Sunday morning we packed up in light rain and walked out to the road end via Te Puia hut. Great view of the Mohaka river with huge rock gorge-like cliffs along the way, several good camp sites and swimming holes were observed. A very enjoyable trip with lots of soaking in the pools.

A Short Break to Nelson Lakes July 14-16

Nigel Boniface

After an early start the five of us were on the 9am sailing, and across Cook Strait with barely a roll of the ferry - great.

The drive to St. Arnaud was uneventful, we called in to the Department of Conservation to check on track and hut conditions, before starting our walk up to Bushline hut, a steady two hour zig zag climb. We could hear children playing outside long before we arrived. With 18 in a 14 bunk hut it was warm, and cosy.

Saturday morning we woke to a clear, sunny day, just the conditions for a walk along the exposed Roberts Ridge to Angelus hut. Conditions were near perfect with little wind, sun, and some patchy snow which slowly increased in depth as we neared Angelus. It was reassuring to have our ice axes and crampons for the icy areas. At the hut we met a French couple who had come in via another track from Speargrass hut, our planned route out.

Angelus hut is about 5 years old, being well insulated, with lots of windows with double glazing, it was warm and cosy when we arrived. As the water tank is drained for winter, and the lake was frozen over, our water had to come from thawing snow which, even with a white spirits burner, took a while.

Sunday morning everyone up and about before the sun and away shortly after 8am. The sun was out, but cloud was increasing, so not quiet such a good day. After an initial climb our route took us down Speargrass Creek to the hut. With many crossings of the Creek we were pleased they were not too wide and mostly we got through with dry feet.

Following lunch at Speargrass hut we had a fairly rapid walk out to the road end as drizzle tried to set in. Then it was back to DOC to change clothes, report on the huts, and off to Picton to catch the early evening ferry to arrive home around midnight after a very satisfying weekend.

Those on the weekend trip, Julie, Barry, Paul, Iain and Nigel.

Mitre Flats Tramp 12-13th August 2017 SB

Ben and Bob met Nigel and Sandra at 'The Pines' road end Saturday morning. A quick final pack, raincoats on, and we headed up the farm track.

There was light drizzle for most of the walk in, the trees dripping wet and a brief light hail shower at one of the river view points. We didn't see any other trampers on the track as we made our way to the hut. The Waingawa river was high and wild as we crossed it to reach the hut at 1230pm.

After lunch we did some hut maintenance including checking the roof mould condition, cleaning the windows and frames, collecting and chopping lots of firewood.

The rain kept away while we did our chores, no other trampers arrived, afternoon tea turned into pre-dinner snacks with Bob winning lots of card games against Ben. A delicious spaghetti bolognese was cooked using all the pots we could find, two wet trampers called in on their way to Cow Creek. A (non-dehydrated) cheese cake was enjoyed for desert. More cards, laughs and stories continued after dinner. Sunday morning the rain continued, heavy at times. We packed up, swept up the hut and bunk platforms and departed for the road end. The rain persisted for our trip out but spirits remained high. A great tramp, good company albeit a little wet at times!



Nigel Boniface, Sandra Burles, Bob Parsons and Ben Parsons at Mitre Flats Hut 12-13 August 2017