



Masterton Tramping Club (Inc) Newsletter

August 2022

Welcome to this month's newsletter. This month's Club night was held on Wednesday 3rd August and included a very well supported auction of donated goods by members as a club fundraiser. As the saying goes, one man's trash is another man's treasure ! Only a few items did not sell on the night but overall a lot of fun and laughs were had by all who attended. The Club raised a total of \$380.50 on the night and this will be put to good use for our members. A very big thanks to those who donated goods for the auction.

A very special thank you to our auctioneer Jenni and her two very capable helpers Hazel and Kane for making this a fun and successful event.



Hazel (left) and Jenni (right)

The Tararua Biscuit Bakeoff outcome was revealed and a winner announced. Gail carried the biscuits around on a number of trips over the past 2 mths and some proved more roadworthy than others. It was a close call but after a final "mallet" test (you had to be there !) the declared winner wasConrad. His prize was a bag of flour so that he can make more biscuits to take away, however it appears he has already forgotten the recipe. Thanks to all who participated and Gail for her judging and mallet skills.

Tararua Calendars Just a reminder that the Tararua Calendar by Peter Laurenson is available for purchase. This is a great looking calendar with photos taken by Peter of various sites within the Tararuas. Calendar costs \$29 and orders can be placed with the club via emailing the Club at mastertontc@gmail.com by 30 August. Peter will be bringing these along to the October club night so no postage costs apply.

Trips Done Unfortunately the weather is not playing ball as can be expected this time of year and several trips did not proceed due to weather or lack of demand (again probably due to the poor weather). This included the Kaweka Te Puia Lodge trip planned for July 8-10, Mount Bruce Crossing the following weekend led by SWTC and the planned White Rock Trapping trip which was cancelled as the river was deemed too high and therefore potentially dangerous. This latter trip has been rescheduled for mid-October so keep an eye out for that one.

The Mountain House Shelter trip on July 24 did proceed as planned and details of this including pics can be found on the clubs Facebook page via the attached link <https://m.facebook.com/mastertontc>. Great picture of the snow on the hills on the day, no wonder it was cold on the day.



Snow at Holdsworth

Upcoming Trips include;

For full details of trips scheduled refer the Clubs website link <https://www.mastertontc.org.nz/#upcoming-trips>

14 August

Blue Range Hut* - stretch the legs up to the Club hut, check and replace rat bait, take note of any maintenance required for Septembers spring clean trip.

Leader: Tony Spittal 022 454 1107

Grade: Easy + / Average.

Carpool cost \$10

21 August

Manawatu Gorge From the gorge carpark, explore the bush tracks and close up views of the wind turbines. If sufficient numbers can swap in the middle.

Leader: Nigel Boniface Ph 06 378 6556

Grade: Easy.

Car pool cost \$15

27 August (Saturday)

Blue Range – Te Mara – mistletoe spur - Tram Track loop From Kiriwhakapapa road end, up to Blue Range, along to Te Mara high point, then down the spur to the tram track saddle.

Leader: Conrad McCaffrey - conmccaffrey@hotmail.com

Grade: Average (day trip).

Carpool cost \$10

28 August - NZ Mountain Film Festival** – Sunday 4pm Regent 3

4 September

Blue Range Hut “Spring Clean” Trip***

Carry out basic clean up inside and out of the Clubs hut. Pull a few weeds, wipe down a few surfaces, clean windows etc.

Leader: Tony Spittal 022 454 1107

Grade: Easy+ / Average

Car pool cost \$15

*The Blue Range trip 14 August replaces the previously planned day trip to Herepai Hut – refer Roaring Stag below.

***The Blue Range Hut Spring Clean trip 4 September replaces the previously planned Roaring Stag (3-4 September) overnight trip as we have been advised that there has been a large slip between the start of the track at Putara Road end and the bridge. As such the track has been closed for access. It is unknown at this time how long it will be closed for.

We intend to reschedule both the Herepai and Roaring Stag trips at a later date so keep an eye out for future trip schedules in this regard.

** NZ Mountain Film Festival – a selection of award winning international short films shown at Regent 3 starting at 4pm. This is a fundraising event for the Holdsworth Restoration Trust <https://holdsworthrestorationtrust.org/> and funds raised will assist with their predator control trapping program in and around the Donnelly's Flat area at Holdsworth. Refer their website for ticket details. A number of our members are actively involved with the Trust's predator control work and this is a great cause to support. Please let friends and family know as well. All welcome.

Search and Rescue Report It appears everyone in the hills has been behaving themselves as Nigel advises it has been very quiet in the past month. Either that or the weather has been too cold and wet for anyone to want to venture out.

Coming up in September's Club night meeting. We have invited a couple of the local Hunting and Fishing staff to come along and demonstrate how to correctly fit your pack. There is nothing more frustrating than trying to figure out if you and your pack are correctly set up which makes a world of difference to your comfort level whether just out for an overnigher or a multi-day trip. Who hasn't tried to adjust their pack only to make it worse and more uncomfortable than before.

Thanks again to Jenni and her "staff" for volunteering to be our auctioneer, everyone who contributed items on the night and those who opened their wallets (especially Jenni) as well. I have no doubt we will repeat this next year.

The next club night is Wednesday 7th September, same place, same time. Again, we look forward to seeing everyone there on the night.

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Tony Spittal
President
Masterton Tramping Club