



*ARNOLD JOHN HEINE : QSM, ONZM, Polar Medal*

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME

Starts 8.00 pm promptly



### 6 November : Andrew Robinson – Eye-Q Test 4

By popular demand Andrew brings you another quiz night that will test your powers of observation. There will be the usual spot-the-difference, there won't be hidden names, but beyond that, you'll have to wait and see (as it were).

### 13 November : Frank and Robyn Usmar– European Trip 2019 part. 2 The Czech Republic

Following on from Pat Tristram's talk in the Switzerland area Frank and Robyn will continue with the next leg of their travels with the Czech Castles Self-Guided Cycle Tour from Cesky Krumlov to Prague. The group visited medieval towns, castles and monasteries, while cycling through and along picturesque landscapes, forests and river trails.

**Sales Table run by Graeme Lythgoe. Bring your cash and your saleable items.**

### 20 November : Owen Spearpoint – 'The Great Unknown'

Owen will be launching his new book entitled 'The Great Unknown; Mountain Journeys in the Southern Alps'. This is a beautifully illustrated celebration of five decades of tramping and adventuring in New Zealand's Southern Alps.

### 27 November : Tony Jaegers – Snowboarding at Myoko Akakura, Japan

In February this year Tony spent eight days snowboarding on Myoko-san which is northwest of Tokyo close to the Sea of Japan. He visited four different resorts and one where off-piste sliding is actively encouraged.

### .4 December : Ruapehu Enthusiasts – 70 Years on the Mountain

2019 is 70 years since a number of keen and enthusiastic club members began work on a hut on Ruapehu. Now more grandly referred to as the Ruapehu Lodge it has grown and changed and seen many great club trips. A group of lodge enthusiasts will recount 70 years of history through pictures, stories and art.



## FORTHCOMING TRIPS





## TRIP CATEGORIES

### Tramping

T = Overnight or longer tramping trip

D = Day tramp

 = Dog Friendly

 = Moonlight Walk

### Cycling



= Very easy



= Easy




= Intermediate



= Advanced

## NOTES

Where there is no leader given for a trip, please contact the Trip Coordinator to volunteer to lead a trip, either as shown or an alternative.

NOVEMBER				
TARARUA FOREST PARK - Holdsworth				
9 – 10	T1	Atiwhakatu Hut	Julie Lewis	021 293 2118
	T2	Powell – Jumbo Circuit	Chris & Murray	569 9019
Sun 10	D1	 Butcher trk, Cattle Rdge		Marina Skinner

Th 14	D2	 Pinnacle Ridge deviation	Graeme Lythgoe	479 6630
<b>RUAHINES – NORTH BLOCK RD</b>				
<b>15 – 17</b>	T1	Sunrise Hut	Marina Skinner	021 792 260
	T2	Waterfall Hut	Andrew Robinson	586 2438
		Marton Meander	Michael Grace	563 9040
Sun 17	D1	Belmont Trig Circuit		
	D2	Tapokopoko	Jim Cousins	586 2135
<b>YOU CHOOSE</b>				
<b>23 – 24</b>	T1	You Choose	Nick McBride	021 410 551
	T2	You Choose	Murray Presland	562 8194
Sat 23	D1	Reeves track joint trip with WTC	Nick McBride	021 410 551
Sun 24	D2	Graces Stream – Mt McKerrow	Bob Deller	938 4685
Th 28 – Fri 29	T2	 Kime Hut	Graeme Lythgoe	479 6630
<b>TARARUA FOREST PARK – Otaki Forks</b>				
<b>29 – Dec 1</b>	T1/2	Penn Creek	Jackie & Chris	528 4697
	T2	Snowy Hut	Andrew Robinson	586 2438
		Rose City Cycling	Robyn & Frank	569 5996
Sun Dec1	D1	Pylon Track	Julie Lewis	526 7271
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
<b>MANAWATU MTB</b>				
<b>7 – 8</b>		Arapuke MTB Park	Murray Presland	562 8194
		Burttons Track	Murray Presland	562 8194
Sun 8		Paraparaumu – Waikanae River	Neil Hickman	380 1192
Sun 8	D1	East Harbour Regional Park	Emma Dobbie	027 252 5045

<b>NOVEMBER BIKING SCHEDULE</b> for Tuesday Evenings - 6.00 pm				
Date	Grade	The Ride	Leader/s	Phone
5	Easy Int/Adv	Te Whiti Riser Te Whiti Riser - Waiu MTB Park	John Smeith Paul Labett	027 244 2498 027 344 2906
12	Easy Interm.	Belmont Domain-Petone Wf-Pt Howard Korokoro Stream	Elaine & Derek Debbie Bainbridge	565 1315 027 209 3721
19	Easy Interm.	Belmont Domain - Waiwhetu Strm (tbc) Belmont Dom - Hill Road - Regional Park	Michael Grace Phaedra Upton	563 9040 021 0232 6726
26	Easy Adv.	Totara Park-McCurdy's Castle Cannon Point-Clark Creek	Michele Lythgoe Tony Jaegers	479 6630 973 07124

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SALES TABLE

### 13 November

Please bring along items that you wish to donate to this effort. Home baking and preserves are especially welcome. Garden produce is also popular so bring along all the excess from your vegetable garden. Everyone else bring some cash to purchase some goodies with.

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### 20 November



Geoff Spearpoint, is a legend among New Zealand's tramping and mountaineering community. For over 50 years he has been undertaking many long, adventurous trips in the Southern Alps every year, decade after decade. These trips, usually a mix of both tramping and mountaineering, have made Geoff New Zealand's foremost exponent of what is best described as trans-alpine tramping. Geoff will be talking about *The Great Unknown*, a collection of personal accounts of his favourite trips into 15 geographical areas, ranging from Kahurangi in the north to Fiordland in the south.

Copies of Geoff's book will be on sale.

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## HVTC RUAPEHU LODGE EXTENDED WINTER SEASON

To thank customers for their understanding and continued support during what was an exceptionally challenging season, RAL are going to OPEN the Valley T Bar for skiing and riding 10am-2pm during fine WEEKENDS ALL NOVEMBER.

We have, therefore, decided to continue operating the lodge as well over this time if there is sufficient interest. NB. our normal criteria for opening the lodge is that we require 4-5 people to make it economically viable to operate.

If you are interested please contact our Booking Officer, Alison Newbald Ph. 027 4512 587



**November 2019**

**Club Centenary Survey:** Thank you to all of you who filed your ideas and reactions in the survey that was run during two weeks at the beginning of October! The General Committee had a brief look at some of the results only on the day following the close of the survey – we await a more complete report when Rosie, who instigated the survey, returns from a biking holiday in Western Australia and South Korea. However we were delighted that more than 40 people offered skills and experience toward mounting a celebration.

**Club Information Evening:** Marina coordinated a very enjoyable Club Information Evening on 30 October, drawing visitors wanting to find out more about our Club and the activities we promote. Such events are successful only if there is plenty of publicity material beforehand – so Marina has been very busy. It was unfortunate that some of the avenues for publicity avenues did not “play ball”, but 12 visitors arrived and will be cared for with information about Club trips over the following few months. The event is also a reminder to Clubmembers to let friends and acquaintances know the Club is active and to befriend “new faces” at our meetings.

**Sales Table Fund:** Graeme has assiduously run a Sales Table at Clubnights, almost every month for several years. Money generated from offered produce and goods has been used to useful effect within the Club – and a fund of more than \$5000 has accumulated. If you have ideas for projects or purchases that would enhance the Clubrooms or Club activities please pass them to the General Committee!

**Monster Mast Season:** We were all warned that the huge mast season – of seed production – in the native forests last summer/autumn would lead to an explosion in the populations of rats and then stoats in the following spring. It is happening! And it is expected to be a difficult breeding year for native birds as their eggs and young will be predated. Recent monitoring of rat populations in the Wainuiomata Water Catchment and in East Harbour Regional Park has yielded very high tracking frequencies (> 90%) even in “mainland island” areas that have regular, permanent, baiting and trapping programmes. The Regional Council has now instituted an additional poisoning operation aimed at rats. Baits, containing the toxin diphacinone in a peanut-based paste dyed green and inside a potato starch tube, are being stapled to trees near ground level. You (and your dog) would need to consume an entire body weight to be at risk – but please do not touch or handle the baits!

ps: There are now increasing numbers of stoats being trapped in the Water Catchment and Regional Park also.

The General Committee welcomes your comment on any of the issues raised this, and every, month!

Murray Presland (secretary@hvtc.org.nz)

## **JAMES THOMPSON : SNOWBOARDER**

This year club member and Ruapehu Lodge regular, James Thompson (grandson of long time club members Liz and Phil Thompson) competed in the U18 NZ Snowboard Freeride tour. Competing at The Remarkables, Mt Olympus and Turoa, James won at Mt Olympus and came second in the tour overall. As a result James was invited to the snowboard freeride world championship in Austria in January 2020. This is an amazing achievement for one of our young club members.





On the podium for the win at Mt Olympus.



James doing a grab at the Remarkables freeride competition

In James words: *"It's been an amazing New Zealand Junior Freeride Tour season. Loved the final stop at @turoanz and even more stoked to be invited to the Junior Freeride World Championships alongside Lach and Finn Powell... And importantly- Thank you so much to the people who helped my fundraising ,wouldn't be doing it without you! @ Mt Ruapehu, Whakapapa & Tūroa Ski Areas."*



## IN MEMORIAM

**ARNOLD JOHN HEINE, JULY 4, 1926 – OCTOBER 7, 2019**

Arnold Heine lived and breathed outdoor recreation in all its forms.

Words like tramper, mountaineer, polar explorer, conservationist and wilderness campaigner do not sum up how wide ranging his influence was over the last 70 years.

A stalwart of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club, Heine was never happier than when he was in the mountains or exploring an Antarctic glacier.

Born in Nelson, he first rose to prominence as a trumper in the early 1950s when he began exploring unmapped areas like the Wilberg Range and Poerua Valley on the West Coast.

It was also in the 1950s that he discovered his other great passion, polar exploration.

He made his first trip south in 1956 with the Department of Industrial and Scientific Research.

His long list of achievements included being a field assistant on the 1957-58 Tucker Glacier Expedition and on the 1958-59 Wood Bay Expedition.

He learned the skill of "snow pit stratigraphy" and was involved in setting up the McMurdo Ice Shelf Project.

After wintering over at Scott Base in 1959, he joined an international team as assistant to French glaciologists Claude Lorius and Al Paige on a 2500-kilometre polar traverse.

Arnold was awarded the Polar Medal in 1969, and was the secretary of the NZ Advisory Committee of the Trans-Antarctic Association for almost 50 years.

In 2018, he rounded off his Antarctic career by funding the Arnold Heine Antarctic Research Award at Victoria University.

A skilled mountaineer and trumper who enjoyed leading multi-day trips, Heine loved the outdoors and was always looking for ways to encourage others to hit the hills.

After a short period as secretary of Federated Mountain Clubs, he later became president and served 24 years on the executive.

With lots of help from his wife Jan, he edited the *FMC Bulletin* for 14 years and was patron until his death.

His early interest in exploring unmapped parts of New Zealand instilled a strong belief in the need to promote wilderness areas.

When the FMC began advocating for legal recognition of wilderness areas in the 1980s, he contributed to the campaign, which resulted in the landmark publication of *Wilderness Recreation in New Zealand*, by Les Molloy. It became the blueprint from which many of our existing wilderness areas were established.



Arnold Heine in September 1944



Les Molloy, Jan Heine and Arnold Heine cross a raging West Coast river.



Heine was influential in the Mountain Safety Council, editing bushcraft, mountain safety and first aid manuals, and was also active in the Ruapehu Ski Patrol

In the 1980s he visited North America and introduced what he learned about ski field safety there into New Zealand.

Friend and historian Shaun Barnett said what really stood out about Heine was his willingness to pass on knowledge.



Conservation was just one of Arnold Heine's many interests.

He mentored generations of trampers and climbers, including Barnett and Geoff Spearpoint.

"Arnold was such an important link between the older generation and the newer ones, always encouraging younger people, providing them with advice, and his experience and knowledge always offered wise counsel.

"I don't know how many times he would remind us that a supposedly 'fresh' idea had been

tried before!"

His Eastbourne home was a monument to his outdoor career, with a huge library of relevant books and records from all the organisations he was involved with.

He and Jan were a close-knit team, and in his 80s, she went with him to Maungahuka, regarded by many trampers as the hardest spot to reach in the Tararua range.

The pair enjoyed botany and had a particular interest in the Kahurangi National Park. Together with botanist Tony Druce, they spent 250 days on a botanical survey of the park, where at one point they thought they had discovered a kākāpō population.

Barnett recalls Heine as someone who "lived and breathed outdoor recreation", but understood that to enjoy the wild we must protect it. As a conservationist he was involved in tree planting, pest control, kākāpō and takahē conservation, and weeding.

With Jan and Stan Hunt, he helped set up MIRO, a highly successful local conservation group in Eastbourne.

Friend and fellow trumper Les Molloy remembers Heine as a man with a "twinkle in his eye" who was always willing to pass on his knowledge.

"Mentor would certainly be a good word to describe Arnold. He had a lot of wisdom."

Heine was a life member of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club. He received the Queen's Service Medal in 1987 for services to the community; was made an officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in 2004 for services to the outdoors; and a life member of the NZ Antarctic Society in 2006.

He is survived by Jan, and by nephew Martin.



*Nicholas Boyack*



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Thank you to all, and to the Social Committee, Dennis, Murray, Patrick, for all the work that you put in to make Sunday such a special celebration for Arnold. I was quite overwhelmed with it all that you think so much of Arnold.

“Parting is such sweet sorrow, and even if the parting is permanent physically, he is not gone.  
Love is stronger than death.”

*Jan Heine*

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## **DESMOND SIDNEY GREEN, 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1929 – 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

### **Des Green fellow Trumper and long time member of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club.**

Des and June joined the Club in 1956; I got know Des a year later when I also joined the Club. Des, Don Chisholm and I in our middle age years did quite a few South Island tramps to various areas, mostly around the large watersheds of the Rakaia, Taramakau and Hokitika Rivers .

Not sure why, but most of our trips started or finished in Hokitika, it was a standing joke with our wives that there had to be some sort of attraction in Hokitika.

We became well known with the amateur radio guys on the west coast when checking by radio most nights , in fact we tried to get them to organize a taxi at one of the road ends and they decided against that and instead came and picked us up in their own vehicle.

Another notable trip with other members of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club we did was from Mt Cook the classic Copland Pass from the Hooker to the Welcome Flat hot pools in the Copland River, and then back out to Fox on the west coast again! While in Fox waiting for our transport Des, Don and I arranged a Helicopter flight over the trip we had just completed in three to four days - all in an hour.

Des and June for some years organized the Club picnic at Battle Hill. This was always a popular day's outing for the children with the normal races i.e. Sack, 3 legged, egg and spoon races, egg tossing and lolly scramble and also for some a swim in the river. I am sure the kids now grown up would have a lasting memory of the fun Des organized.

At one stage Des was involved in the distribution of the Hills and Valleys for some years with his normal precise and thorough attention to detail.

Des was keen on his Sunday trips and was involved in the organizing and running of these, some I remember were in the Orongorongo valley and surrounding tracks, Mt. Wainui ( before Transmission Gully Rd ) Maugakotukutuka, Colonial Knob Point and many more. Des' main tramping ground was the Tararuas, in his younger days he liked to red line his Tararua map like many other clubs members did.



I must mention Des was a willing helper on the first two-storey extension to the Club's Hut at Mt. Ruapehu. Not being in the building trade, he easily made up with his enthusiasm on any jobs given to him.

Des must have touched many lives with approx. 100 at his funeral mostly Club members. Our thoughts are with June and family.

*Doug Fowler*

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Those club members who knew Des Green, were saddened to hear of his passing. It was a bad week for HVTC, with Arnold Heine having passed away just a few days earlier.

Des and June Green joined HVTC in 1956, not long after they arrived from the UK. They threw themselves into Club activities and being a slightly older, married couple, became a calming influence on the large number of young folk, particularly men, tramping with the club at that time. Des loved the outdoors and was happy to be in the Tararuas, Orongorongos as well as places further afield. This was a time still of the exploration of some of New Zealand's mountains and back country, with the likes of Arnold Heine and John Rundle keen to check out new areas, taking with them younger members always keen for some adventure.



Hut and track working parties were regular features on the Club syllabus, with club members taking advantage of the infrastructure being put in place for deer culling operations, as well as assisting with the construction of some of these facilities. Fund raising activities for the present Club rooms (opened in November 1959) were also a feature at this time. Socials, bring and buys, landscaping contracts, earthmoving jobs, checking the tide gauge at Terawhiti Point, which involved removing the chart and rewinding the mechanism, providing information for the Cook Strait power cable, and involved public transport and a full day's tramp on a weekly basis, plus the laying of five miles (eight kilometres) of telephone cable between Mt Ngaurahoe and the Chateau, needed considerable expertise and people prepared to put in the time. Des was an active participant in all these activities.

With building a home in Upper Hutt and the arrival of sons Clive and Craig, club activities were curtailed only slightly, as Des and June ran the most amazing Club picnics during the 1970s and 1980s, firstly at Trentham

Memorial Park (which was deemed a little too public) and then Battle Hill. Attendances were up to 150 men, women and children and heats had to be organised for the running, sack, egg and spoon races, and many other events. The treasure hunt for goodies hidden in the trees was always popular, as were the lolly scrambles with the children pursuing Des all over the field. His energy and enthusiasm for ensuring all were having a good time was boundless.

Des served on HVTC Committees and was Vice-President in 1979. However, it was on the Social Committee that he displayed his gift for a great party and so for several years, the Christmas Party was "the" event to attend – Roman Scandal (1977), South Pacific Sojourn (1978) and Back to Childhood (1979). These were fancy dress events that all participated in with great enterprise, and the Clubrooms were transformed to the theme, along with the appropriate music to dance the night away. Tickets had to be sold to these events, as alcohol was provided (people were not allowed to bring their own) and a liquor licence from the local authority was required. To

the best of my memory, we were never visited to check all was being complied with, but it was certainly a different era.

Des organised and lead many Sunday, weekend and multi-day trips to interesting places – Copeland Pass (Mt Cook), Three Passes (Waimakariri River to West Coast) to name a couple. A highlight for us personally, was the John Muir Trail in California, USA, that Des had read about in a National Geographic and was keen to do and so were we (plus Jan and Arnold Heine and Fay Jackson). As well as planning for a trip in the USA, he wanted to take about 12 days food for the 23 day trip, which was taken out of the country in large pails and into the USA, much to the amusement of Customs officials. More food was purchased and repacked in the pails which were then posted to ourselves (at the JMT Resort) to be picked up for the final part of the trip. The pails were stored, with other hikers food in a shed so the bears couldn't get it, which saved us from having to carry the full 23 days food. Although a good track, there were no huts and so tents were carried as well as a water filter to filter all drinking water. Each night all food had to be



put into bags and hoisted high into the trees away from the bears, which worked well until we camped high one night and the trees were not tall enough - but that's another story. It was a wonderful experience, enhanced by Des' meticulous planning and keenness to ensure we all had a great trip. Another grand experience was a 12 day trip to the Olivine Ice Plateau (Des, us and Phil Quinn) through quite rugged, but magnificent country to experience an area HVTG had had quite a long association with. A highlight was sitting, after dinner, on a sun warmed rock, while Des talked about his early life and why he and

June came to NZ.

Des' funeral saw a wonderful reflection of his life with eulogies from his family. Craig gave the first touching on his early days as a youth in London, meeting June, emigrating to New Zealand, time in the Trentham Camp, building a house in Brentwood Street, his work with Todd Motors and greatest love (well, after June and family) was his association with the Hutt Valley Tramping Club and life in the outdoors with them. Clive's eulogy was more for the practical aspects that Des had on his life and various family members spoke about the impact he had as a grandfather and good friend all coming from their hearts. Tramping friends spoke of trips done and Jan Heine gave some heartfelt advice to June and the rest of us – a true tribute given Arnold had passed away only days earlier.

We watched a photo montage to Neil Diamond singing "Sweet Caroline" and his coffin was carried out to the strains of "Dancing Queen" by Abba. A truly fitting tribute for a gentleman, a man who could turn his hand to anything practical and was great company wherever and whoever he was with. Our sympathies to June, Clive, Craig and their families. We are privileged to have known and spent time with Des and have many happy memories of times sharing things he so enjoyed doing.

*Pat & John Tristram*



June and family would like to thank members of the HVTC for their support, cards, welcome phone calls, and their company at Des's celebration of his life. When we arrived in New Zealand in 1955 we didn't know a soul here, and the club became our family and friendships for life.

Thank you, *June, Clive and Craig*

## TRIP REPORT

### POWELL HUT 4 - Friday 25 October 2019

Graeme Lythgoe

Deferred from the previous day because of snow, rain and wind, I was a little apprehensive as to how deep the snow might be, especially for a small dog. I did not need to worry as there was no snow below the bush line and only very little above it. We left the road end about 0945 and had our first stop at the rocky lookout. It was mainly sunny but with a strongish SW wind and a cool temperature. We stopped again for an early lunch at the Mountain House shelter about 2 hours later. At the bush edge we caught up with a large group of Auckland trampers heading up for the long Labour weekend.

The hut has some improvements over Number 3, namely - a wood fired stove (with fuel supplied by DOC/helicopter), a bank of solar panels to supply LED lighting, separate bunk rooms (2 X 6 person and 2 x 10 person) and a decent internal porch for wet gear removal and storage etc. My only criticism was with the veranda which is only partially covered. This means most of the seating outside will be wet and therefore unused for the 300 average wet days that a 1200 metre ASL hut in the Tararua Range suffers. Far better in my view to have half totally enclosed and half with a roof only - more expensive but at least much more functional.

It started to snow lightly as we descended and care had to be taken on the steps which are made to be comfortable only for people with really long legs!

Back at the cars by about 4pm after a pleasant and worthwhile tramp.

Party: Bernice and Bob Deller, Mike Priest, John Fox, John Smeith, Martin Watson, Graeme Lythgoe and Dash.

*Graeme*

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