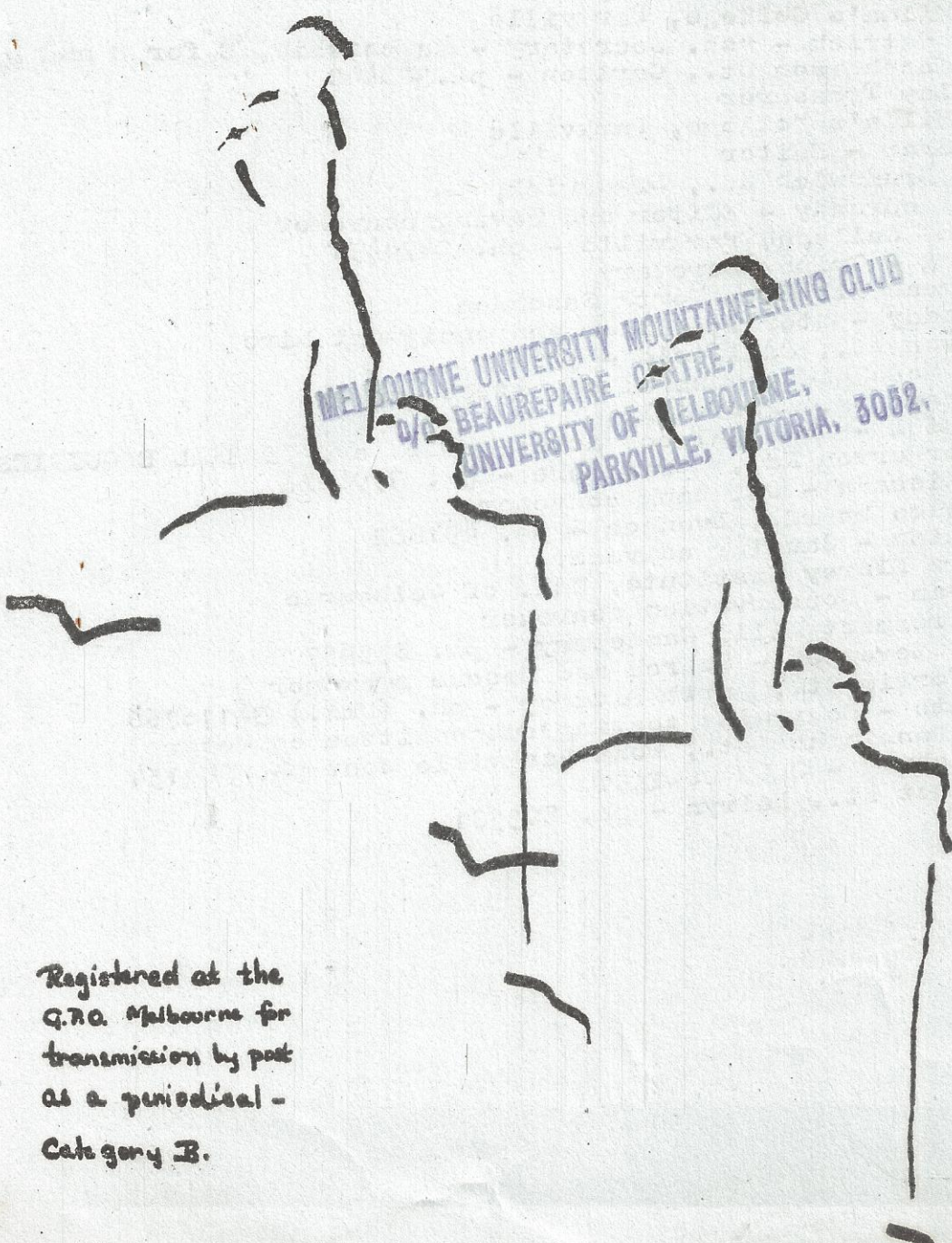


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EDITORIAL *****

We would like to welcome all new club members. This issue of the Mountaineer contains some articles concerning beginner's activities. If you have any queries - read the Who's Who on the previous page and speak to the relevant person.

Anyone with aspirations to glory, fame and power? the AGM is almost here again - those people interested in standing for committee should hand in nominations to the Secretary not later than March 22nd. Each nomination should contain proposer, seconder and the signature of the nominee. For the not so ambitious, there are many non committee positions to be filled. A list of these positions is generally passed around at the AGM with interested people signing their names against the desired position.

As this is the last Mountaineer that we will produce we would like to thank all those people who have helped us in the past year - especially Bob Cannon - general advice! Arnold Wheeler - chief collator and organiser, Rumblegutts The Inimitable Aunt Abigail, Ian Moore - Cross word composer, Jenny McCloskey - Chief Cartoonist.

Finally we wish to suggest that a special competition be opened -

"Guess the Identity of Aunt Abigail"
First Prize to the nearest most correct answer is editorship of the '74 Mountaineer.....



TRIPS PROGRAMME

Meetings, bushwalking and orienteering trips are planned well ahead whereas the much more specialized activities, rockclimbing, caving, canoeing, etc., which generally cater for smaller groups, are subject to variations with the trips being organized (or sometimes cancelled) at short notice. Those interested in these activities should keep in contact with the appropriate club members and check the trips book. Details of all functions can change at short notice and will be posted in the trips book at Aikman's Road.

NOTE: The trips leader may organise a meeting before the trip in which case attendance is compulsory; if it is impossible to attend the meeting, the leader must be contacted before the date of the meeting. If no meeting has been planned, it is the responsibility of everyone intending to go on the trip to contact the leader at least 4 days before the trip leaves, to arrange transport and equipment. Anyone failing to do this will not be allowed to go on the trip.

Standards of Trips

Bushwalking trips are classified as follows:

- *EASY- considered easy for those who are moderately fit but not necessarily experienced.
- *MEDIUM- fair for fit people. Some previous hiking experience is desirable. Hard for the unfit or inexperienced.
- *HARD- difficult for fit experienced walkers. Impossible for others.

Transport

Transport to and from venues of club trips is by picnic van or private car. For van trips, it is essential to know numbers as early as possible. The van for day trips departs from Batman Ave. near Swanston St. between 9 and 9.30 am and normally returns by 6.00 pm. For longer trips, the van leaves the car park the night before the first listed day of the trip (normally Friday night). The van normally returns before 10.00pm on the last day of the trip.

Any club member wanting to run his own trip using a club organised van may do so if there is sufficient room on the van.

Bookings

There are three ways of booking for a trip, the first being the most preferable.

- (i) Place your name and other details in the trips book at Aikman's Road (1.00 - 2.00pm weekdays or 7.30 - 8.30pm Tuesdays)
- (ii) Ring the trip leader.
- (iii) Ring John Yuill 379 8026 a.h.

TRIPS PROGRAMME

- March 13
(Wednesday) Lunchtime meeting - slides of Vacation Trips.
Venue: South Lecture Theatre, 1st floor, Architecture School
Time: 1.00 to 2.00 pm.
- March 14
(Thursday) Orienteering Meeting - Mapping the Brisbane Ranges.
Venue: Little Meeting Room, Sports Union
Time: 5.30pm
- March 17
(Sunday) Federation Day Walk - Pt. Nepean
to be opened by Brian Dixon M.A.
further details see trips book
Standard: Easy
- March 19
(Tuesday) Introduction to MUMC and Beginners Bushwalk Talk.
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: Siskraft Lecture Theatre (ground floor Architecture)
A brief illustrated introduction to all MUMC activities will be followed by the beginners bushwalk talk. The talk is compulsory for beginners going to Wilson's Prom. Supper will be provided.
- March 23 - 24 Beginner's walk to Wilson's Prom.
The prom. is noted for its scenery and beautiful beaches. There will be about 10 trips of varying standard. (Easy - medium - Hard)
Beginners must endeavour to attend the meeting on March 19th.
Transport: Van
Cost: \$4.50
- March 29
(Friday) Thirty first Annual General Meeting.
Venue: Siskraft Lecture Theatre (Architecture)
Time: 7.30pm
Presentation of 1973/74 Reports.
Election of 1974/75 Committee.
Guest Speaker: Fritz Loewe - "Glacier Exploration"
Supper provided.

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(b) Medium: Woollybutt Saddle - Stirling 2
King Rvr - Queen Spur - Crosscut Saw -
MacAlister Springs - Howitt - Bindahee Hut

(c) Medium-Hard: Woollybutt Saddle - Buller -
Howqua - Bluff - Lovick - Square Head Jimmy -
Bindahee

April 12 - 16

(Friday-Tuesday)

5 day walks

(a) Medium: Woollybutt Saddle - Stirling-
ing Rvr. Hut - Cobbler's Koonka - Spec-
ulation - Crosscut Saw - MacAlister Springs
Howitt - Magdala - Divides - Lovicks Hut-
Bindahee Hut.

(b) Medium - Hard: Jamieson Rvr. - Mitchells
Governors - (Eagles Peaks) - Mt. McDonald -
The Nobs - Clear - Divides - Magdala-
Howitt - Bindahee.

(c) Hard: Bindahee - Howitt - Crosscut Saw
Razor - Viking - West Buffalo Rvr. -
Catherine Station - Cobbler - King Rvr.
Hut - Clear Hills - Stirling - Woollybutt
Saddle.

Transport: Van

Cost: \$5 - \$6

Easter

4 to 5 days hard - only rock hoppers and
lovers of holly lamatia and strangling
dodder need read further.

Leader: Bob Cannon

Tulloch Ard Homestead - Snowy Rvr. Gorge/
Jackson's Crossing / Lodger's Rvr. Gorge /
Newguinea Tulloch Ard; St. Helena Rocks.

Map: Murrindal PCV

Yalmy, 1:50,000 Prov. Outline

Limit: 8

April 20 -21

Beginner's rockclimbing : Pt. 2

Venue: Spectacular Mt. Arapiles near
Horsham. Attendance of the part 1 of
the course compulsory for beginners

Transport: Private

Leader: Climbing conven r

Orienteering Instructional Talk

Come and find out about the sport which
teaches you how to navigate.

Venue: Sports Union Activities Room

Time: 7.30 pm

April 23

(Tuesday)

April 24
(Wednesday)

Canoeing Instructional Talk
Venue: Sports Union Pavilion
Time: 7.50pm
Compulsory for all those going on
beginners' canoeing courses

April 25
(Thursday)

Anzac Daywalk - Strath Creek Gorges and
Waterfalls
Standard: Medium - probably harder than
usual for a daywalk.
Transport: Private
Strath Ok. contains some of the best gorge
and waterfall country near Melbourne.

April 27 - 28
(Sat. - Sun.)

Beginners canoeing courses
Venue: depends on river levels.
Day trips will be held
Transport: Private
Leader: Canoeing convenor
Beginners must have attended the Wednesday
meeting

April 28

MUMC Orienteering - Beginners Orienteering
Beginners are advised to attend the Instr-
uctional talk on the preceding Tuesday

April 27 - 28

Upper Cargo River area
(Precipice Plain - Mayford - Mt. Tabletop)
Leader: Iain East
Standard: Medium
Transport: Private

April 30
(Tuesday)

Monthly meeting
In July-August 1973 Charles McCubbin and
Warren Donython walked across the Simpson
Desert - becoming the first white men to
do so. (It was this stretch of country
which defeated Stuart in 1845) Come and
hear first hand from our guest speaker,
Charles McCubbin.
Venue: Sports Union Activities Room
Time: 7.30 pm

May 4 -5

Search and rescue practice weekend.
Venue: Britannia Creek, Yarra Junction
Maps: Gembrook 1:50,000
Heerim 1:50,000
Transport: Private
See the club notice board for further
details

WALKS - THE ALPS DIVIDE

This year's walks will be to the most spectacular section
of the Victorian Alps. Beginners must have been on at least
one previous weekend walk. Good parkas, woollen clothing,
gloves and boots are essential equipment - remember it
snowed last Easter,

April 12 - 14 3 day walks
(Friday-Sunday) (a) Easy - Medium

May 11 - 12
(Sat - Sun)

Rockclimbing Weekend
Probably at Arapiles or in the Grampians
Transport: Private

May 8
(Wed.)

Lunchtime slide meeting
Your big chance to show your slides of
first term trips
Venue: 1st Floor South Theatre, Architecture

May 18 - 19
(Sat - Sun)

Canoeing - venue depends on rainfall
Transport: Private

May 11 - 12
(Sat - Sun)

Feathertop Hut workparty
Leaders: the Hut Wardens
Transport: Private
Come and help get the hut in good shape
for the winter

May 18 - 19

Weekend walk - Mt. Torbeck area
Transport: Private
Standard: Medium

First term vacation starts on Sat. May 18.
Science exams end on Friday May 31
Extended walks in this period will be posted later.

May 21
(Tues)

Venue: Sports Union Activities Room
Time: 7.30pm

May 19 - 20
(Sun - Mon)

Canoeing IV
New England University
Venue: Grafton



AUNT ABIGAIL'S column will not appear in this issue of the 'Mountaineer, due to the sudden disappearance of Aunt Abigail.

Reliable reports indicate that she has had to leave the country, as several actions for libel have recently been made against her; an action is also rumoured over her design for an 'orgy bag' - a sleeping bag for as many people as you want.

She is reportedly living in Rio de Janeiro on the proceeds of a massage parlour in St Kilda.



REVISION OF THE CLUB'S "GUIDE TO THE VICTORIAN ALPS"

HELP REQUIRED

The revision of the Club's "Guide to the Victorian Alps" is almost complete. For those unsure of the area covered it is: Bar Daws - Thompson Rvr. watershed - Great Dividing Range - The King, Howqua and Jamieson watersheds - the Buffalo Plateau - Snowy Plains - Mitta Mitta - Gibbo-Pinnibar Cobberas - Snowy Rvr. Gorge - Moroka, Wonnangatta and Wongungurra Rvrs. - Upper Dargo area - Bogong High Plains - Buchan Rvr. watershed.

If you are wondering about where to go hiking, the areas around Aberfeldy, Upper Dargo and Buchan Rivers could do with more information.

Four working nights will be held to tidy up details and proof-read.

MEETING 1: Tuesday March 19

6.00pm - 9.30pm or part thereof

North-east lab. (ground floor of the Architecture Building)

Bring clipboard, pencil and dictionary

-check of grammar, clarity and accuracy. If there are areas that you have been to recently please come to check and suggest. It would be most convenient if all changes could be finalized before or on this date. since typing will start soon afterwards. If you still have notes please send them immediately to the address below. If you are going to any interesting areas after this meeting please let me know - April 24 is the final date for copy.

-we also want to complete selection of photos at this meeting. If you have some interesting, clear, good quality publishable photos (either black and white or colour slides) could you bring them.

MEETING 2: Wednesday April 24

6.00 - 9.00pm or part thereof

North-east lab (Architecture)

-proof reading of the typist's copy in preparation for typesetting. No more notes will be wanted after this date.

May 1: copy to typesetter

MEETING 3: May 21 Tuesday

6.00 - 9.00pm

probably Graduate Lounge

-checking of galley proofs

May 27: corrected galley proofs sent back.

MEETING 4: Tuesday June 11
6.00 - 9.00 pm
probably Graduate Lounge
- checking of page proofs

June 14: off to the printer.

If you have any queries or can offer any advice, please contact:

Bob Cannon,
Box 193,
WERRIBEE 3030. (Tel. 741 1020 7pm - 9.30pm.)

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ORIENTEERING - MAPPING OF BRISBANE RANGES

MUMC is currently getting \$340 worth of photogrammetric work done to produce a 1:10,000, 5m contour map of a portion of the Northern Brisbane Ranges. Field work will commence early in March and will involve traversing most of the mapped country on foot and adding detail to the map. This is interesting work, and good navigation practice. Of you would like to help, please contact Tony Kerr, Don Fell, Ian Moore, or Bob Cannon.

There will be a meeting to discuss mapping techniques on Tuesday 14th March at 5.30 pm in the Sports Union.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

This section is not intended to be an exhaustive review of MUMC's many varied activities, but simply an introduction for new members of the club. More information can easily be gained by asking an older Club member at Aikmans Road - if he or she cannot help you themselves, they will probably be able to tell you who can. As always, the Trips Book will contain details of any Club trips planned, the name of the Trip Leader, and (usually) an address or phone number where he or she can be reached.

BUSHWALKING

-or 'Only a fool learns from his own mistakes - a wise man learns from the mistakes of others' (Bismarck)

Although this sounds like a cynical comment by an armchair bushwalker, it is really an invitation to come and join in a sport/hobby/pastime/addiction that can be a lot of fun. As can be seen from the Trips Programme, bushwalking is one of the major activities of MUMC, and is the only way to really see and appreciate some of Australis's most beautiful country.

MUMC organises a weekend of trips specially for beginners at Wilson's Promontory, which is possibly Victoria's most beautiful stretch of coastline. It will be held this year over the weekend of March 23-24, and numbers will be limited to 140. At Tidal River, groups of 10-15 are formed to go on several different trips, each of which will be led by an experienced walker. A meeting is held in the previous week, at which talks will be given on what to take and the general conditions to be expected; further details of equipment can be found in the Beginners' Introductory Handbook which is available to Aikmans Road.

ORIENTEERING

What is it? - a pleasant walk in the bush: by yourself,
with friends or with the family;
- a testing navigation and fitness exercise;
- something in between?

-your choice!!

Orienteering events are organised fortnightly, on Sundays, by clubs affiliated with the Victorian Orienteering Association. MUMC is one of these. Venues are virgin bush or pine forest, within a hundred miles of Melbourne - usually within fifty. It costs less than \$1 to enter, and you may 'begin' any time between 10 am and 1pm. You are provided with a map and you may hire a compass. Depending on which grade you enter (grades A to D are available) you will be given a set of points (creek junctions, hill tops, track bends, etc.) covering from two to six miles as the proverbial crow flies. After visiting the points in order and reporting back to the start, you will be placed within your grade according to the time you take; but this may be of no interest to you if you have no 'competitive urge.'

Venues are away from the normal Sunday tourist spots, and usually offer reasonable barbecue sites for lunch and tea-making. A strong MUMC contingent regularly attends and usually congregates beneath the blue 'OXO' banner flown at each venue.

MUMC is involved in setting courses and running events, and is currently mapping a portion of the Brisbane Ranges, southwest of Bacchus Marsh.

Orienteering contests are held fortnightly, with venues and dates being posted at Aikmans Road. The next MUMC-organised contest will be on April 28 - using the new map. There will be a beginners' evening during the preceding week (see Trips Book for details) and helpers will be needed on the day - they will also have an opportunity to compete. Help is also needed during the previous couple of weekends - please contact me if you can help.

Tony Kerr

ROCKCLIMBING

This is another popular activity, and over the years MUMC climbers have put up many new routes at various climbing areas. A beginners' course consisting of two or three weekends is held every year, and details of this year's course can be found in the Trips Programme. Further rockclimbing trips tend to be organised and cancelled at short notice, so that a constant watch on the Trips Book or close contact with the leaders is necessary.

CANOEING

Canoeing has proved very popular, especially in the summer months, and Intervarsity canoeing has been very much enjoyed by those taking part. The Club now owns 5 touring Canadians, 1 slalom Canadian, and 2 slalom kayaks, with several members also owning their own boats. Beginners weekends have previously been held on Lake Nagambie, but this year may take the form of several days trips to the Yarra River.

CAVING

Caving within MUMC has tended to be the sport of the select few, but MUMC members and ex-members have been prominent in cave exploration and conservation in recent years, and have held the balance of power in recent Australian Speleological Federation committees. The first beginners' weekend will be held on April 5-6, with other weekends to be announced later.

SKI-TOURING, SNOW WALKING AND SNOW AND ICE CLIMBING

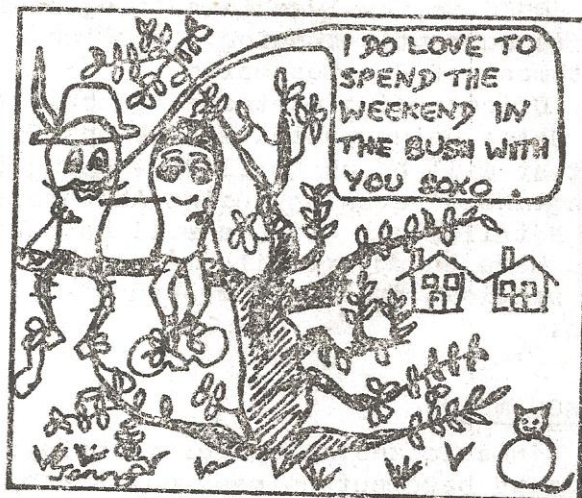
These are of necessity winter sports, except for those lucky enough to spend the summer in New Zealand or farther afield. Ski-touring especially has proved very popular, and the Club now owns ten pairs of langlauf (cross-country) skis and boots.

Details of Beginners' trips in these fields cannot be given until snow conditions are known, and will be announced in later Mountaineers.

A PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINEERM.U. Matrimonial Club?

Congratulations on
their engagements to:

- Gary Whipp and Margaret
Harrison (January)
- Craig Devlin and Kate
Clemants (February)
- Rod Bower and his
pharmacist fiancée Leigh
- Geoff Fagan and Lind
Nicholson
- Brenda Kaye and Max
Dorfliger will be
married on March 27.

MUMC Abroad

During the past summer, several MUMC parties have been climbing and walking in New Zealand, and slide nights covering these trips may be forthcoming. At present Ron and Judy Frederick, Martin Wardrop and Leigh Sutherland are in Nepal, but no news have yet been received from them. A postcard has been received from John Tibbals in Oslo with details of orienteering training there; he comments, "Oslo is flat, I'm told, and, if it is true, so are the Brisbane Ranges." (An item of interest for those who took part in last year's 24 hour walk)

To Whom It May Concern

It may be a source of comfort to some to know that the Committee has now come of age with a spate of 21st birthdays over the Christmas-New Year period. Congratulations to those concerned.

 --- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29/3/74 *****

Nominations for Committee positions 1974-75 must reach the Secretary at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting, that is, before Friday 22nd March 1974.

Nominations must consist of the signatures of a proposer and seconder, together with the signature of the nominee and the position concerned.

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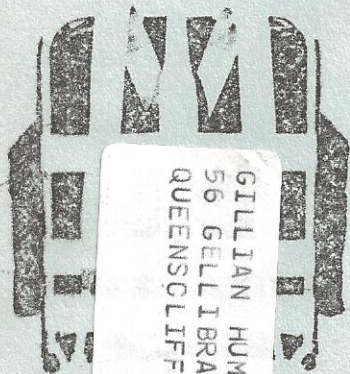
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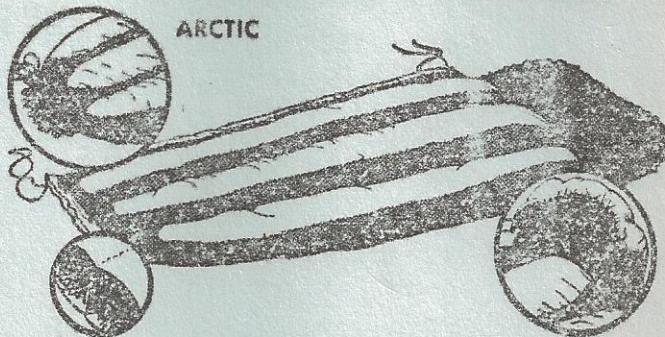
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