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Ian Walls receiving a trophy from Patron Paul Kennedy

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CPS FIELD TRIP TO MT OLYMPUS or A SUNDAY JAUNT TO THE GODS' ALPINE GARDEN

Sunday December 16th 2007 was an overcast day with just a smidgen of a nor-westerly zephyr stirring the trees. The weather forecast had promised strong winds and rain on the main divide, but I decided as we were not going that far, we would only get moderate winds and occasional showers. I WAS WRONG !!! We got little wind, no rain and - but wait - later we had sun !

Promptly at 8.00 a.m. we drove up to the locked gate on the ski-field road, where Alec was able to perform his usual minor miracle of opening the gate. As I understand it, he has to balance the key between the tips of two fingers, get down on his hands and knees, insert the key, his hand and arm up a metal pipe 400 mm long, find the padlock, insert and turn the key, unhook the padlock, withdraw it, stand up, open the gate and let us all through. And then he has to repeat the process in reverse !!! The man's a genius !

Inside the gate the first stop was at the 'coach' bridge to photograph the aciphyllas and sundry other flowering plants. I took the opportunity to explore (having first obtained permission from the Station Manager) a track in the vicinity. Unfortunately, recent heavy rain had scoured out a portion of the track and whilst gravity would assist my ingress into the space created, said gravity would impede any egress I might wish to make. I turned around and returned to the Group - thwarted yet again !

We moved from the scene of my 'en-thwartation' to the lower Lodge where we had morning tea and got ourselves sorted out into the 4WDives - cars being unable to proceed much further up the road. Onward and Upward we went, negotiating the very tight hairpin bend near the top of the scree section of the road. Upon arrival at the top Lodge we all drifted off in many directions looking for that elusive plant, butterfly, mating grasshoppers, or whatever ! Conditions were quite good for plant photography although the temperature was coolish - about 12 degrees C for most of the morning at least.

We had lunch and the quiz, then moved down the road to some *Ranunculus haastii* that we had spotted on the way up. Then further down to an easterly facing scree slope that had quite a number of plants on it. Back down to the lower Lodge and afternoon tea, change cars, penetrate the dreaded gate, and home.

The winner of the single pen/single brain section of the quiz was Ron with Brian and Alec as runners-up. There were no multi brain/single pen contestants this trip.

Those attending this Field Trip were :- Alec - padlock manipulator - Mills, Lesley Tuffley, Robin Wood, Hiro and Miko Kitami, Diana Andrews, Gloria Hsiang, Ron McKie, Brian Milner and myself. Thank you for a good day - we will do it again soon.

Ulysses

CPS FIELD TRIP TO LAKE TENNYSON ON SUNDAY 13th JANUARY 2008

As always with one day Field trips, there is never enough time to thoroughly cover every venue that we visit. However, having said that, it does give participants a tasty appetizer, if you will, and perhaps invoke a desire to see and learn more about the world outside the city. The CPS members who met at the usual place in Culverden were escorted to Hanmer Springs by Alec Mills, where we met up with some Amuri Camera Club members. We then drove up to the summit of Jack's Pass Road where we stopped to admire and photograph the view over the Hanmer Basin. Some clumps of blue orchids were found and photographed as were

mountain daisies and various other plants. As a spectator sport, I always find it interesting to spot people's heads as they bob up and down amongst the tussocks. It can be quite amazing how far people can go without a head, or foot, or any intervening part of their bodies.

At the bottom of the Pass, we turned left toward St James Station, Lake Tennyson and if we had kept going, Rainbow Station and St Arnaud. We stopped for morning tea at a spot off the road where the Clarence River was running through a small stand of poplar trees. At least it was out of the wind and dust. At the lake we photographed gentians in full bloom, some purple bladderworts, celmesia, and many other alpine plants.

Onward — forever onward — we moved to a small shingle pit near Serpentine Creek for lunch and the Quiz. Then it was back to a spot above the lake for penwiper plants (only one and that nearly dead). We did find, however, a hyracium that had a very distinctive orange flower. A few other alpine plants were found further up the creek, but the whole area has been somewhat short of moisture. The small tams to the south-east of the main lake were either low or dry and the afore-mentioned creek had no water in its lower course. The road from Hanmer Springs to the lake was in very good condition — but dusty.

The single brain/single pen section of the quiz was won by Lesley Tuffley and the multi brain/single pen section had, for the first time ever, two sets of winners — namely Brian Milner and Taju Ullrich, and Carl Thompson and Barbara Burry. Chocolate fish and congratulations were handed out in equal measure. Those present were, from CPS — Alec Mills, Chris Newman, Diana Andrews, Ron McKie, Brian Milner, Taju Ullrich, Lorraine and Andrew Wagg, Graeme Stewart and Lesley Tuffley.

From Amuri Camera Club — Michelle Osborne, Bryan Saric, Sara and Michael Osborne (from Devon in England), Jan Gould, Doris and Joshua Stainton, and Anneke Fritsch.

With dual affiliation (CPS and Amuri) — Barbara Burry and Carl Thompson.

My thanks to Carl Thompson for personally contacting all the Amuri Club members, and also to Ron Mckie for his encyclopaedic knowledge of alpine plants and his ability to spell the Latin names without reading them out of a book. Truly amazing!

Ulysses

P.S. The Plants seen and photographed on this trip were:-

At Jack's Pass were Thelymitra uniflora - Blue Orchid and Aporstylus bifolia - White Odd Leafed Orchid. At the Lake were Gentiana corymbifera - the prominent white Gentian, Utriculara monanthos - purple bladderwort, Aciphylla aurea - the golden Spaniard, Dolichoglottis lyallii - Yellow Margarine and Ourisia macrophylla - Mountain Foxglove.

CPS FIELD TRIP TO MESOPOTAMIA STATION ON 8th - 10th FEBRUARY 2008

Well! Where to start? I always find it difficult on weekend field trips, to define the actual starting time of the trip. On this trip, bodies started arriving at 1.30pm with sporadic trickles of persons appearing until about 11.30pm. However, many of us were able to get to a point immediately above the homestead area where a moderately unsmooth track took us up to the highest river terrace on that part of the property. We also went to an area where we were able to look up Bush Stream 50 m or more below us. On Sunday we would cross Bush Stream by a bridge constructed by a local construction company. Most of us then had a late tea and an early bed because alarm clocks were set to ring at 6.00am.

Saturday greeted us with a minor glow in the east from the rising sun and then an over-all layer of cloud, but no matter, at 7.45am we - intrepid explorers all - set off for the interior. In our 4 wheeled



Mesopotamia Sunrise by Pam Cumming

conveyances, propelled by throbbing diesel motors and surrounded by many of the comforts of home, we forded mighty rivers - well, rivers - well, perhaps streams - well little trickley rills really ! We pushed through open bush with many wind and snow-fall trees.

We stopped for the production of images at various points along the highly visible 4WD track and had morning tea just before the wiggly-woggly bit through some heavier bush. Onward and upward drove the indomitable ones, through a small pocket of bush, a minor stream crossing and then a steep ascent past some big aciphyllas (spaniards) to a Taranaki gate atop yet another hill. Last time I was there, that gate attempted to eat me, so I was very pleased that

John Paterson was able to quickly subdue it and allow us through. We drove on down to the Felt Hut some 100m below. This was built as a musterers hut before 1930 and was renovated in the early 1950's.

After some time here, we set off for Bullock Bow Saddle high above us, where some fit persons walked, yes walked, up to a higher vantage point where they were able to see Mts Cook and Tasman. The track up to the saddle is quite steep in places with an impressive drop off on the passengers side. Unfortunately, as we have to come back the same way, the driver gets the drop on the way down. On our return to the Taranaki gate, we drove a little further down and having spoken to half a dozen horse trekkers, settled into a nice grassy spot for lunch and the quiz. We were able, from there, to see the second oldest building in South Canterbury. This is the boundary keeper's hut for the Western boundary of Mt Peel Station. Built in about 1868, it housed the boundary keeper and his wife for a number of years. It is now on Ben McLeod Station.



Chatting with the Horse Trekkers by Pam Cumming

After lunch we drove slowly, as one cannot drive fast on that road, with more image creation stops, back to our accommodation near the homestead. An evening jaunt up the hill after tea

completed the day. I am given to understand that the rampant possum that disturbed some people on Friday night, again decided to leave his/her attic hideaway on Saturday night. Shortly afterwards shots were heard. He/she did not return !



Lunchtime Just Above Forest Creek by Pam Cumming

Sunday morning at 8.00ish we, the indomitable ones, set off up river to Black Mountain Hut. We crossed Bush Stream by the bridge aforementioned, through Black Birch Creek and out on to the Rangitata River bed. There had been a small amount of rain in the early hours and an occasional light sprinkle accompanied us

through the matagouri covered flats. Rare glimpses of sunlit hills in the distance allowed for some moody images. We continued on up the river until stopped by a surfeit of water flow, both fast and deep! A number of us in various states of attire tested the depth of water and the strength of the current. We were in total agreement with each other - it was a no go! So we sat down and had a cup of tea - and I had a sulk as well! Black Mountain Hut will have to wait for another day.

After morning tea we headed back down river, stopping briefly at a thicket of matagouri and then on to the end of the track at Black Birch Creek where some of us explored the gorge. The sun came out while we had lunch, and a shower of rain passed over us just as we were finishing. There was no Quiz but we had much erudite discussion about world affairs and alpine plants. We did manage to sort out world affairs, though alpine plants remain enigmatic - to say the least! Our last stop was at the station cemetery where we were able to pay our respects to past members of the Prouting family, other persons closely associated with the property and Dr Andrew Sinclair, MD and botanist, who drowned trying to cross the Rangitata River in 1861. The Field Trip ended here with members going back to our accommodation, cleaning up and heading back to Christchurch.

The single pen/single brain section of the quiz was won by Alec and the multi-brain/single pen section was won by Dave and Nancy.

Those attending this trip were: Alec Mills, Virginia Gray, Ross Power, Brian Milner, John Paterson, Dave and Nancy Gibb, Lesley Tuffley, Pam and Robin Cumming, Fran Sumner, Pete Tyree and Anne Lamb, Yulia Mishina and Chris Newman.

My thanks to all participants for making this a really bonza trip and our special thanks to Sue and Malcolm Prouting for allowing us to "play" on their property - we had a fabulous time.

A few statistics: On Saturday we left at 7.15am and returned at 5.00pm We covered a distance of about 48 kms in that time. That is an average speed of 5.19 km/hour. We attained a final height of 1702 m (5582 ft) from a starting height of 562 m (1843 ft).

Ulysses

JOTTINGS ON MESOPOTAMIA

Dusky pink young mushrooms; slightly sweet and juicy snowberries; stands of olive-dark beech forest with grey warblers calling from high in the tree tops; small green and brown grasshoppers momentarily still among the tussocks; pretty bluey harebells nodding in the breeze; magnificent views from Bullock Bow Saddle to distant hills and tarns, and jasper-streaked screes beyond; ochre and grey-blue clay cliffs weathered but still standing proud; the mighty Rangitata thwarting our crossing; a rain-soaked bush-clad gully; beech trees undercut by the river waiting to be swept away; views down to the boundary-keepers stone hut in Forest Creek; and last of all the lichen-covered grave of Dr. Andrew Sinclair of Botanical renown - treats to store in one's memory.

- Virginia and Ross

JUDGES FOR 2008

PI competitions

1st Phil Teague ASPNZ

2nd Ron Parry APSNZ

3rd Stewart Nimmo ASPNZ

4th Jan Aliah ASPNZ

5th Sally Mason FPSNZ , FNPSNZ

6th Errol Kelly ARPS

NH is being judged by Kay Jackson and Roger Thwaites.

Landscape is being judged by Matheson Beaumont.

Portrait is being judged by Margaret Bake.

CPS Awards and Trophies in Presentation Order 2007

General awards

1	A member under the age of 25 at the beginning of the year who has excelled photographically	B A Brown Memorial Trophy	No award
2	C Grade Worker whose work shows most advance during the year (prints or slides)	Neptune Ladies Cup	Sally Cron
3	Most Innovative C Grade Worker in Prints or Slides	Swanson Memorial Trophy	Taju Ullrich

REGARDING CERTIFICATES

	Regrading certificates:	C to B C to B C to B C to B C to B C to A C to A C to A C to A C to A B to A B to A B to A B to A	Jeremy Town Jim Helsel David McKay Bruce Denton Taju Ullrich Jeffrey Mahn Wayne Collins Anne Lambe Lorraine Wagg Sally Cron John Watt Ian Walls Terry Stevens Kaye Serra
	PRINT AWARDS		
1	Runner Up C Grade Print Aggregate	Rogers Memorial Cup	Anne Lambe
2	C Grade Aggregate	Simpson Novice Cup	<u>Sally Cron</u>
3	Most Improved C Grade Print Worker	Photocorp Trophy	<u>Sally Cron</u>
4	B Grade Aggregate	CPS Aggregate Trophy	<u>Kaye Serra</u>
5	A Grade Aggregate	CPS Aggregate Trophy	Dianne Calvert FPSNZ
6	Natural History Aggregate	R J McKie Salver	G. Guy, FAPS EPSA
7	Colour Print Aggregate	Ferraniacolor Cup	Dianne Calvert FPSNZ
8	Aggregate Print Overall	Isabel E. Walmsley ARPS Memorial Cup (donated by the Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa)	Dianne Calvert FPSNZ
9	Set Subject (prints)	Joan Swanson Trophy	Witta Priester for "Castle and Cathedral"
10	Champion Portrait Print	V.G. Curtis Portrait Cup	Barbara Burry for "An Interesting Face"
11	B & C Grade Landscape	C.R. Russell Landscape Cup	Stephanie Pole LPSNZ for "Spring in Hagley Park"
12	A Grade Landscape	The F.L.B. Trophy (Salver)	Corinna Anderson APSNZ for "Up the Creek"

13	Champion Photojournalism Print	The Press Plaque	Jim Helsel for “Autograph Session”
14	Champion Altered Reality Print	Phil Teague Digital Trophy	John Doogan, MPNZIPP for “Last Tree”
15	C Grade Champion Print	Hammond Novice Cup	Lynda Acton-Adams for “Early Morning”
16	B Grade Champion Print	The Hammond Cup	Ian Walls for “Evan’s Pontiac”
17	A Grade Champion Print	Petersens Limited Cup	G. Guy, FAPS, EPSA for “Red Eyed Tree Frog”
18	Champion Natural History Print	Natural History Monochrome Cup	G. Guy, FAPS, EPSA for “Gray Heron Fishing”
19	Champion Monochrome Print	Loveday Cup	Ian Walls for “Evan’s Pontiac”
20	Champion Colour Print	Agfa Cup	G. McKie FPSNZ for “Namib Farmlands”
21	Champion of Champions	Derek Hearn Trophy	G. McKie FPSNZ for “Namib Farmlands”

Slide awards

1	C Grade Slide Aggregate	W.G. Warren Cup	Jeffrey Mahn
2	B Grade Slide Aggregate	The Colour Challenge Cup	Ian Walls
3	A Grade Slide Aggregate	U.F.S. Dispensary Cup	Ron Willems, FPSNZ and Ron Parry APSNZ jointly
4	Natural History Aggregate Slide	Nature Competition F.L.B. Cup	Jim Harding, Dianne Calvert, FPSNZ and Graeme Guy, FAPS, EPSA jointly
5	Lady with the Most Points in all Slide Competitions except C Grade	Radcliffe-Taylor Challenge Cup	Georgie McKie, FPSNZ
6	Champion Set Subject Slide	Jack Swanson Trophy	R. Willems, FPSNZ for “Commuter Communication”
7	Champion Portrait Slide	C.P.S. Portrait Rosebowl Trophy	Witta Priester for “Alice”
8	Champion Colour Landscape Slide	The Kathleen Salver	Phil Schroeder APSNZ for “Embracing the Dawn”
9	Champion Photojournalism Slide	The Christchurch Press Plaque	Bevan Tulett FPSNZ for “Up from Downunder”
10	Champion Altered Reality Slide	Photo Warehouse Digital Trophy	John Doogan MPNZIPP for “Cross”
11	Champion C Grade Slide	The Money Cup	Mary Jo Bedford for “Left Out”
12	Champion B Grade Slide	Norman France Cup	Fiona Anderson for “Love Me Do”
13	Champion A Grade Slide	C.P.S. Champion A Grade Colour Slide Cup	Ian Kington APSNZ for “Happy Girl”
14	Champion Natural History Slide	Natural History Colour Cup	Graeme Guy FAPS, EPSA for “Cheetah Chase”

15	Champion Slide from all Open Competitions	The Pegasus Cup	John Doogan MPNZIPP for "Cross"
16	Overall aggregate for all slide competitions carrying Acceptance and Honours awards	The Possibilities Cup	Ron Willems FPSNZ
17	Champion of Champions in Slides	The Tulett Cup	Ian Kington APSNZ for "Happy Girl"
GENERAL AWARD			
1	Most successful exhibitor in major photographic competitions within New Zealand	Ron Willems Trophy	Georgie McKie FPSNZ
SERVICE AWARD			
1	Service to CPS	1990 Convention Committee Service Trophy	Chris Newman

NEW MEMBERS

Four new members have joined us. Welcome to

Dave Foster, John Stewart, Sue Blair and Linda Gabites

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