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CPS FIELD TRIP 'FINDING FUNGI IN THE LEWIS PASS AREA' HELD ON 20th MAY 2007

Five amazing things happened on Sunday and they were, in, as judges say, no particular order of preference, as follows:

- 1/ the day opened to a fiery red dawn
- 2/ Trish Brown found the elusive green mushrooms at the Boyle River Outdoor Recreation area.
- 3/ Carl 'Buzzy' Thompson forgot his camera!!! On a photography field trip already!
- 4/ The weather forecast was 90% WRONG!!! Thank goodness!
- 5/ Five persons were so keen on the trip that they were in Culverden BEFORE 7.30 a.m.



Birdsnest Fungi, Lewis Pass Area by Dave Gibb

At least I thought they were keen, but it turned out that some of them were expecting the tearooms to be open so that they could buy an early coffee. Tough luck people! The tearooms were still not open when we left at 8.00 a.m.

Our first stop was at the tarn near the top of the Lewis Pass where the 90% wrong weather prognostication greeted us with wind, scudding cloud and glimpses of 'almost' sunshine. The non-buyers of coffee and some others, tucked into warm thermos libations and tab-nabs of varying types and tastes. The rest of us applauded the arrival of Carl who had missed us at the Hanmer turnoff. Because of the unfortunate contretemps with his camera I appointed him Tutor-For-The-Day, a role, I must say, he took to with his usual enthusiasm.

His eyes were almost as sharp as a 'neagle'.

After about 1½ hours here we moved a few kms down the Pass to the Nina Valley area where, thanks to Brian Milner and his GPS, the small group of birds-nest fungi known to inhabit the area were once again found and photographed by many people. A positive plethora of other fungi - purple, yellow, brown, white, black & white, and pink were found and photographed. So prolific were the fungi and so dense the undergrowth, that often the only clue that there was a person in the immediate vicinity was a twitching foot, or a faintly stirring and elevated rear end. Always though, there were the mutterings which could sometimes be translated into such words as 'focus', 'not in', 'stupid tripod', 'yuk - I've just knelt in' etc, etc. Some words needed no translation, however.

At 12.00ish (read 12.30) we moved on to the Boyle River entrance of the St James Walkway where we lunched up-wind of the toilet and where the quiz was quozed. It was here that the rain that had been threatening arrived - gently. Most of us went onto the Nature Trail and many lucky people were able to capture an image or two of the rare green mushroom (*Entaloma vertus vertus trishii*). Other notable finds were some pitch black mushrooms (*Entaloma dark darker darkest*), and an enormous dinner plate size one (humungous *ell brownii*).

Fungi hunting ceased at about 3.30 and we all headed for home. A long, but very rewarding day for all concerned. The quiz winners were Lesley Tuffley in the single pen/single brain section, and Fran Sumner and Robin Wood in the single pen/multi brain section. Those attending the trip were - Alec Mills, Lesley Tuffley, Dave and Nancy Gibb, Chris Newman, Judy Reij, Grant Allan (new member and first time field tripper), Kaye Serra, Martyn Hartley, Robin Wood, Fran Sumner, Trish and Linton Brown, Pam Cumming, Brian Milner, Michi Hanke, Diana Andrews and last but by no means least, Carl Thompson - Tutor.

PS : the weather forecast was for very heavy rain for 24 hours from 6.00 a. m. on the day to 6.00 a. m. on Monday - Oh Good - THEY got it wrong AGAIN III



The "Yuk! What is it? Fungi". Lewis Pass Area by Dave Gibb

Ulysses

**CPS FIELD TRIP TO LAKE PEARSON AT QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
I - 4 JUNE 2007**

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of intrepid photographers;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

With thanks and apologies to William Wordsworth, a real poet.

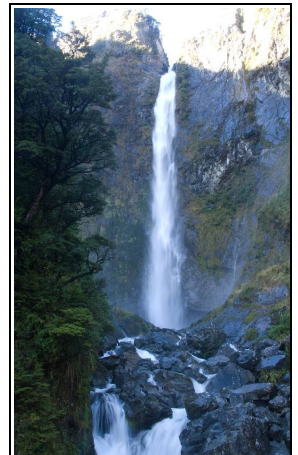
We had a wonderful time, with a positive cornucopia of photographic light and, mostly, an abundance of excellent weather. We stayed in the Backpackers Lodge at Flock Hill Station, which is only one paddock away from Lake Pearson, so we were able to go to the northern end of the lake each morning to immortalize the dawning of the day. All persons were seemingly happy to set alarm clocks for 5.45 a.m. and be ready, dressed, showered, breakfasted and in cars before 7.00 a.m.- and then we were off to the lake.



Yellowcoatus sp. photographii
by Judy Reij, Cass Area

Each morning was different with light conditions varying from low cloud and diffused light to moderate ground frost with blue sky and tendrils of wispy cloud and very crisp air

Every day had different meteorological conditions with NW'lies giving way to Westerlies then Southerlies. On Saturday there were no glimpses of the lower peaks, but by sunrise on Sunday we were able to see that many of the lower peaks had a dusting of new snow on their tops and flanks. On Saturday afternoon, after lunching by



*Diana, Nancy, Dave
& Grant made it up
the 618 steps to the
punchbowl*

the Bealey River at Arthur's Pass township, we had a "do whatever you like" time , the only proviso being that people had to return to Flock Hill before tea. This they all did!!! I am given to understand that one lady, who shall of course be named, walked up to the waterfall. She is, I further understand, going to write a sequel to John Buchan's book *The 39 Steps*. It will have an equally short and pithy title, ie: "After 197 Steps I had to Stop and look at the Scenery, Then I continued and Got to the Top of 309 Steps and Then I Had To Go Down 309 Steps; or "618 Steps", by Diana puff puff Andrews. We photographed landscapes, cloudscapes, fungi, rose-hips, reeds in Lake Sarah, grass covered lake and river terraces, raindrops on twigs, big lakes, little lakes, puddles, frosted grasses, and a "fog-bow" (similar to a rainbow but formed by fog, much closer and with little colour).

We had morning tea sitting in a small quarry on the side of the road with a light shower keeping us company, and lunch at the Andrews Shelter with ravenous sandflies. A small rock outcrop some 28.74 meters to the east of the Mt White Road has been named Diana's Bump. A really really small lake 6.86 meters above the high tide mark at Lake Pearson has been named "Fran's Puddle".

I would like to thank the following members for attending this Field Trip:

Allan McGregor - enthusiastic digital camera tutor; Diana Andrews - soon to be authoress; Fran Sumner - ardent really really small lake photographer; Lesley Tuffley - fervent fog-bow photographer; Grant Allan - new member and zealous raindrop and fungi photographer; Judy Reij - photographer and recorder of the yellow people; and Chris "of course the weather is going to improve, isn't it !" Newman. And cameo appearances from Dave and Nancy Gibb who came up for the day on Sunday. Once again, thank you all for an absolutely magic weekend.

There being no quiz, there were no winners or losers.

Ulysses

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE(S)

1. Naming of Nat History images: Paul Kennedy will be drafting up suggested changes to the competition entry rules, clarifying the titling of images and these will be updated on our Web site. Judges will also be given a copy of the rules.

2. The length of competition programmes has been an issue. If numbers exceed 100 then the programme will be brought forward half an hour and a few other cosmetic changes will be introduced to speed up the presentation.

3. The number of entries to competitions and the methods of forwarding electronic images to the competition secretaries are being reviewed. A review team has met to look at what options we have and will report back to the committee in July with recommendations.

4. A review team is meeting to examine the number of trophies and the relevance they have to our club. This group will report back in July with recommendations

5. Final night:

- Final night will be held at the Horticulture Hall on the Saturday and conclude by taking down the images on display on Sunday.
- The major change is we will not include Friday in our plans.
- An exhibition of CPS Honours work will be introduced in 2008. Plans have yet to be formulated on how, where and when this will be undertaken. But, we would like to display our images in a locality that will attract the public.

6. The Canterbury Round Up or "Battle of the projected Images" will be held at CPS 11 July

- The Selection and Grading Committee will select 10 images that have received honours or acceptances in this years projected images, plus Natural history competition.
- Invitations and rules of the new comp will be sent to clubs at the end of May. As an aside we have asked clubs for feedback on the move away from slides to Projected Images.
- Rather than everyone bring a plate this year the club will cater for the event.
- Iain Anderson has selected the judges (persons not affiliated to any Canterbury photo club).
- Bridget Banks will comper this evening.

7. Changes to the club constitution. The committee are recommending changes to the club constitution that allows the club to move away from using an auditor to audit our accounts to a Financial Review of our accounts by a qualified accountant.

- Chris Leith gave the committee an overview on what this would mean to the club and the suggested changes to the constitution for this to happen.
- The removal of the Librarian and Projectionist as elected positions within the club is also being introduced to update the constitution.
- We will be outlining what the changes are by way of a detailed note in the Viewfinder and an email message plus an overview at a club meeting in June.
- A Special General Meeting will be called in July and can be held on a club night before the programme starts. Two weeks notice will be given to all members.
- When passed this will allow the clubs 2006-07 accounts to be reviewed under the new changes.
- The committee agreed this proposal should proceed.

8. We desperately need some long term storage space to accommodate all our records, slide images and display boards for our images. If you can help see Rob Dally or Ian Kington.

9. Next year's programme is on the management committee's radar and we will begin to start planning shortly. Our objective should be to inform, educate and entertain and we propose to do this by:

- engaging entertaining and informative speakers
- reviewing our field trips and workshops to ensure what we are providing is relevant to the times and the needs of the members
- ensuring we have a balanced programme of competitions, displays of members work.

We would welcome any feedback and you can do this by sending an email to the club or engaging one of the committee members.

The relevant coordinators for Field Trips/workshops and competitions will be consulted.

10. We have been fortunate to gain a cash donation from Photo and Video. They will become our major sponsors and the money will be used to fund club activities, for example final night.

11. The club has secured a colour monitor calibrator and those of you that attended Ron Parry's workshop will see what it can do. We propose to make this available to club members at no cost but will there will be a \$10 bond placed on it and if the calibrator is returned on time you will get your \$10 back. This is to ensure that no member holds it for longer than necessary. The service will be available after June

Brian Milner will be responsible for the calibrator. Bookings will be at his convenience

12: Viewfinder. You will note we are slowly moving away from posting this out to members and placing the file on our website for downloading. Those that want a hard copy will always be able to pick one up from the club. Stocks will be available for members on the night of issue and subsequent club nights. Back copies of VF can be downloaded from our Website.

Advertising will be limited to a one page advert from our major sponsor.

John Barnes
President

NOTICE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : 18 July 2007

Time: 8.00 pm

Location: Riccarton Church

The Club proposes to change the constitution to allow for an update in the way the club's financial accounts are audited.

The changes replace the Auditor with an Independent Accounts Reviewer and this results in minor changes to re-align the numbers and clauses within the constitution to accommodate this change.

The other changes are removing reference to the Projectionist and Librarian as Officers of the Club.

By order

Lynda Acton-Adams
Honorary Secretary
CPS

RON PARRY APSNZ PSNZ COUNCILLOR

When asked “When did your interest in photography begin?” Ron replied “Way, way back when I had a Box Brownie in school days. I did my own developing and processing in the laundry at home.”



Ron Parry

It was a CPS member Roger Urlwin who persuaded Ron to buy his first digital camera 8 years ago. Ron then went back to film with the purchase of a SLR and then returned to digital 4 years ago. He says, “I encompassed Photoshop wholeheartedly at this time. Mastering it, using it and then when my photography improved, hardly using it at all. I let the camera do the work now.” He went on to explain, “Now in Photoshop I only use it to crop or remove distracting things in the image. I compose carefully taking my time and now that my skill levels have improved results are better.”

Ron’s working life was spent in the manufacturing electronics world. This led to his own business manufacturing commercial and aerial cables for Tait and Telecom—two-way radio aerials.

When asked, “What things other than photography interest you?” He replied “Model yachting, amateur radio and trout fishing. Amateur radio started while at primary school building crystal sets and listening to far away radio stations. It was a mystery to me hearing voices from across the world—to be

able to speak to someone far distant, even if it was only a weak signal. That magic has gone because of cellphones and the Internet.” He went on to explain, “We used to talk by bouncing signals off the moon or via satellite. Morse code was another piece of magic—just hearing the code tapping out from someone’s home across the world. That has all gone now.” He commented sadly.

We talked about his fishing. Enthusiastically he said, “I like to be out there at the lakes or rivers in the high country with a black gnat on the leader. There are similarities between photography and fishing—there could be a better pool just around the bend or a better photo-opportunity over the hill!” He said, “I cannot do both at the same time though. Either I take my camera or my rod.”

He and his wife have a campervan which they take on these expeditions with their two Birman cats. His wife likes to read while Ron happily fishes or photographs. They have 9 grandchildren--one lot are triplet girls.

We talked about PSNZ Council. He said, “I was involved with New Zealand Camera 2007 helping with their data base. I’d known PSNZ President Don Kelly through Jaycees and was asked to help with the PSNZ membership database.” Here he is in a supportive role as Councillor where his computer skills are in demand. When he first joined CPS in 2004 he said, “I was not keen to enter competitions, but then realised that unless I entered I had no way of knowing where I was with my photos. Now I enter to improve my skills and my standard.”

Ron is an active CPS member benefiting us with his skills and increasing our knowledge. Thank you Ron - Great to have you on board.

Virginia Clegg

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members:

Wayne Collins, Peter Garrett, Michaela Hanke, Scott Suen, Pamela Vincent,
Grant Allan and Mark Lee

COMPETITION RESULTS

1st Natural History Prints

Judge: Craig McKenzie
Awards: 21

Entries:55

Champion Print

Graeme Guy

Red Eyed Tree Frog

Honours

Pam Cumming
Graeme Guy
Richard Mitchell

Myosotis traversii
Lion Carrying A Warthog
Emu Portrait (Dromaius novaehollandiae)

Accepted

Carl Thompson
Witta Priester
Witta Priester
Ron McKie
Ron McKie
Georgie McKie
Georgie McKie
Allan McGregor
Pam Cumming
Dianne Calvert
Dianne Calvert
Diana Andrews
Ian Wells
Terry Stephens
Bridget Banks
Anne Lamb
Anne Lamb

Apis mellifera (Honey Bee On Small River Weed)
Trumpeter Swan
Mule Deer (Odocoileus hemionus columbianus)
Stellaria roughii
Ranunculus lyallii
Crowned Crane (Balearica regulorum)
Burchell's Zebra (Equis burchell)
Praying Mantis Laying Eggs
Katydid
Pukeko (Swamp Hen)
New Zealand Pigeon (Kereru)
Notothlaspi rosulatum (Penwiper)
Formation Flying
Colony Bound Cormorant
Stingray Seeking Food Noosa River
Banded Dotterel At Wilberforce (Pokowera)
My Eyes Are On You (Vulpes vulpes) Fox

Competition Secretary: Diana Andrews

Ph: 348-9664

COMPETITION RESULTS

1st Natural History Projected Images

Judge: Alan Shadwell LPSNZ
Awards: 8

Entries:20

Honours

Carl Thompson
Dawn Radcliffe-Taylor

Scree Spider With Prey
Penwiper Plant (Notothlaspi rosulatum)

Accepted

Trish Brown
Pam Cumming
Pam Cumming
Dawn Radcliffe-Taylor
Georgie McKie
Georgie McKie

Welwitschia
Vegetable Sheep And Raoulia grandiflora
Purple Pouch
Mycena Species
Juvenile Lions On The Prowl
Eroding Entrada Sandstone

Competition Secretary: Diana Andrews

Ph: 348-9664

COMPETITION RESULTS

Set Subject Prints

Judge: Frank Green APSNZ
Awards: 9

Entries:51

Champion Print

Witta Priester

Castle And Cathedral

Honours

Graham Collins

Barber Shop Boys

Accepted

Dianne Calvert

Street Worker

Bruce Jensen

City Icon

Anne Lambe

Seen @ Covent Garden January 2007

Georgie McKie

Bluff To Picton - Slowly

Patrick McLuskie

Posture-Pedic

Dawn Radcliffe-Taylor

Alleluia

Raewyn Wright

Just Another ... Street Seen

Competition Secretary: Bridget Banks

Ph: 354-4973

COMPETITION RESULTS

Set Subject Projected Images

Judge: Frank Green APSNZ
Awards: 16

Entries:51

Champion Projected Image

Ron Willems

Commuter Communication

Honours

Dianne Calvert

Square Shadows

Nancy Gibb

Are We Related?

Accepted

Lynda Acton-Adams

Holiday's End

Fiona Anderson

Love Me Do

Iain Anderson

What's Happening Mum?

Wal Cattermole

All Fired Up

Paul Di Somma

Dead On Arrival

Newell Grenfell

Getting To Know You

Margaret Hatton

Attention

Bruce Jensen

Passing By

Georgie McKie

Lyttleton Street Party

Ron Parry

Faith, Hope And Charity

Annette Preen

Regal Repair

Taju Ullrich

Neighbourhood

Lorraine Wagg

I'm A Tiger

Competition Secretary: Bridget Banks

Ph: 354-4973

COMPETITION RESULTS

3rd Projected Images Digital

Judge: Barbara Burry APSNZ
Awards: 18

Entries:49

Honours

Dianne Calvert
Jeffrey Martin
Ron Willems
Mary-Jo Bedford
Ian Walls
Terry Stevens

Table For Two
Naeroyfiorden
The Last Rescue
Left Out
Ocean Dawn
Best Seat In The Park

Accepted

Diana Andrews
Ron Parry
Witta Priester
John Barnes
Stuart Clook
Gloria Hsiang
Graeme Stewart
Robin Hetherington
Lorraine Wagg
Rob Dally
Brian Milner
Karen Talbot

Vine Lines
Two Dollars
Trees In Bud
The Bright Peak
Stevenson Stream
Hong Kong Xmas Trees
I'm Watching You
Gunnera manicata
Gotcha
Breakfast
Sun Arise
Before The Sunrise - Okuru

Competition Secretary: Georgie McKie

Ph: 339-6170

COMPETITION RESULTS

3rd Projected Images Slides

Judge: Barbara Burry APSNZ
Awards: 3

Entries:11

Accepted

Dawn Radcliffe-Taylor
Ron Fisher
Ron McKie

Purakaunui Falls
Power Glider
Octet

Competition Secretary: Georgie McKie

Ph: 339-6170

COMPETITION RESULTS

4th Open Projected Image

Judge: Kevin Tyree APSNZ
Awards: 26

Entries:56

Honours

Stuart Clook
John Doogan
Newell Grenfell
Ron Parry
Judy Reij

Clowning Around
Lindis Mood
In Your Face
Wahine Warrior
Midas Country

Accepted

Catherine Clark

Jeremy Town

Bruce Jensen

Annette Preen

Virginia Clegg

Allan McGregor

Francis Green

Andy Heap

Raewyn Wright

Dianne Calvert

Bruce Denton

Catherine Clark

Taju Ullrich

Wal Cattermole

John Watts

Ian Walls

Dawn Radcliffe-Taylor

Christopher Newman

Trish Brown

Georgie McKie

Ashley

Crown Range Dawn

Cruising By

Cygnets Head

Dolphin Experience

Fire Dawn

Hey, Mister, Take My Photo Please

Home Before Dark?

Ladybird, Ladybird On Her Way Home

Longing For Home

Merlin Dawn

Monarch Butterfly

Porthills Sunset

Prized Possessions

Summer Sunrise

The Pin Oak He Glows

Forgotten Farmhouse

Gold Country

River Reeds

Rooftop Resort

Competition Secretary: Georgie McKie

Ph: 339 6170



*Are We Related? by Nancy Gibb,
Honours in Set Subject Projected Images*



*Penwiper Plant (Notothlaspi rosulatum) by Dawn Radcliffe-Taylor,
Honours in 1st Natural History Projected Images*

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