

APRIL 2011

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**OBJECTS of the Society**

To promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand. Nature photography to us means all aspects of the natural environment, including landscapes, flora and fauna, and close-up photography.

To promote friendship, cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas about nature photography among the members of the Society both within New Zealand and overseas.

**Code of ETHICS**

Nature photographers pursue their interest because they appreciate the value of the natural world. They hope that through their actions they will encourage all who participate in the enjoyment of nature, to do so in a way that best promotes good stewardship of the natural resource.

[www.naturephotography.org.nz](http://www.naturephotography.org.nz)  
- Online forum

- Monthly photography tips  
- Members galleries  
- Trip & speaker information...

### President's Column

Welcome to a new post-earthquake (we hope!) era of our Society. We have a new Patron, Carl Thompson, who takes over from Peter Harper. Peter was our Patron for many years, and we are truly grateful for his dedicated support of NPSNZ. Carl is a highly respected photographer who loves the natural environment as much as his photography. He is a mainstay of our Society, has led innumerable field trips, and his infectious enthusiasm is something we all appreciate. New members and beginners (as well as us old hands) are always grateful for the skills, knowledge and wisdom that he is so willing to share with us.

Something else that has to change, unfortunately, is the venue for our monthly meetings. Our old hall at Tankerville Road is severely damaged, possibly beyond repair, and Living Waters is making the bold step of re-locating to a high-tech tent on land they own at Halswell. Although it doesn't look as though it will suit our needs, we wish Grant Irvine well in this endeavour.

Someone else who deserves our thanks is Paul Kennedy, departing Chair of our Honours Board. Paul has provided excellent leadership, and it was gratifying to see him fulfil his final task as Chairman in awarding well-deserved Licenciateships to Linda Gabities, Roger Gabities and Nicki Mora, Associateship to Elizabeth Burt and Fellowship to John Smith.

I think we all enjoyed Jono's presentation on bird photography at our last meeting. He showed us some superb images, and told the story behind them. Thanks also to brother James, and Jono's entire support crew! I wasn't surprised that no one brought along images to share at our March meeting, but we would really like to see them in April. If you have slides to show, we will have the slide projector set up, so please bring them along. Finally, I'd like to welcome the new members of your Committee, Meg Errington, Liz Grant and Maureen Pierre. Trish Brown, Ken Muscroft-Taylor, Jono Harrod, Linda Gabities and Nick Webb are staying on. So if you have any queries or suggestions about how your Society is being run, please talk to any one of us. We welcome your views, as our aim is to serve you, our membership, as best we can.

Happy photographing,

Pol (Pauline)

*Below: Lake Brunner. Trish Brown*



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 18th April

#### COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 2nd May

#### FIELD TRIPS

Botanic Gardens  
16th April

Hokitika  
22 - 25 April

#### SUPPER HELPERS

Sue Blair  
Yvonne Marshall

**NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - Ann Worthy**

# TRENNA PACKER

NPS continues to host the Trenna Packer Natural History in 2011. The competition once again includes all photography clubs and societies in New Zealand, previously it was restricted to the South Island. An entry consists of a set of 6 Natural History projected images, with no more than two from any one member. Historically, given the size of our Society and focus on nature photography, we've tried to have six members represented. The set must be greater than the individual images, and have a flow and continuity to it ... not always easy when the selectors have no idea what images members will submit... anyway gives them something ponder!

**What do we need from you?** 1 or 2 of your best New Zealand natural history images\* (either digital or slide). These can be given Carl Thompson at the Monthly meetings. digital images should be sized to 1400 pixels on the long edge for horizontal images and 1050 pixels on the long edge for vertical images. The files should be saved as jpegs. If you have a choice of colour space please choose sRGB.

\* What is natural history you may be asking ... for the purposes of the Trenna Packer, New Zealand natural history photography depicts living untamed animals and uncultivated plants in a natural habitat, geology and the wide diversity of natural phenomena, from insects to icicles. The subject must be there of its own volition and is free to come and go whether it be in a natural or adopted habitat. Naturalised subjects are allowable, providing that they are taken under natural, not domestic conditions. Examples of naturalised subjects are deer, black swan, monarch butterfly, briar (not cultivated) roses.



## BOTANIC GARDENS AUTUMN RAMBLE

Saturday 16th April 2011  
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

Trip Leader: Roger Gabites

Phone: 358 2337, 021332401 Email: gabites.rljn@xtra.co.nz

**Where to meet:** Meet at the Band Rotunda Riccarton Avenue at 8.30am

**Image opportunities:** The plan is to follow a trail through the gardens ending at the Botanic Cafe for coffee at 11.30am. The walk will take us through a number of areas where there are some interesting plants and autumn colours.

**Notes:** There is car parking on Riccarton Avenue and also by the tennis courts. The parking by the cafe is limited due to entry restrictions from the cordon. If the day is wet we will postpone until Sunday 17th. For those of you who may not have already confirmed just drop Roger an email.



## HOKITIKA, Friday 22th - Monday 25th of April



**WHERE:** Hokitika area - various trips to Hokitika Gorge, Lake Mahinapua, Lake Kaniere, etc.

**WHAT TO TAKE:** Check the website for a list of gear for week-ends. The accommodation at the camp is beds with good mattresses, so take your pillows and appropriate bedding. There is a good kitchen. Appropriate food for a shared meal on Friday and Saturday nights and your Thursday night's tea if you intend travelling Thursday night and have not eaten before arriving.

**If you have missed out on the organised accommodation feel free to book your own accommodation and meet up with the group for the daily activities!**

....more information on the NPS website...

### 2011 Exhibition: "Art in Nature"

'Seeing Beyond the Ordinary - an evocative exhibition of photographic art'

**Submissions due:** You have until the **May** meeting to bring Trish Brown a CD with up to **four** images. The images are to be of nature photographed in a creative way.

**Submission size:** **300 dpi and sized at 14 x 9 inches or the metric equivalent.**

We will select between 20 and 30 at the end of May and the club will pay for them to be printed and matted, for the exhibition in August.

Those few members who do not own or have access to a computer, can call Trish on (322 7081) and we will make an arrangement to suit.

**Titling your images:** Initial\_title.jpg Example: JH\_Autumn reflections.jpg





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## Craig McKenzie - Bird Photography

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### APRIL MEETING

Monday, April 18th at 7.30 pm  
Riccarton Community Church,  
44 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton

I started taking photographs many years ago to record tramping trips. This has turned around so now I am more likely to head into the hill with the specific intention of taking photographs. Through the years photographs of the uncultivated landscape and nature have been my mainstay. With the advent of digital photography bird photography became much more accessible and along with a quite a few others, judging by what I see in society exhibitions, I headed in that direction and found myself hooked. I hope my recent work is my best so I will be showing and talking about photographing birds.



## THE BOYLE

May 21st-22nd

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Trip leader: Carl Thompson  
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Phone: 03 315 7700

**TRIP INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

To keep our website looking fresh and up-to-date it would be great if you could send us some new images to update our members gallery! So if you have some new images to add please send them to Kath Varcoe. Please size the images - 600 pixels on the long side for landscapes, and 400 pixels on the long side for portraits.

We would love to display current fieldtrip photos on the website, so if you have any of these photos please send your images to Kath for the website!  
Kath Varcoe: [kvarcoe@gmail.com](mailto:kvarcoe@gmail.com)

**SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE:** If you want to direct credit the payment, the bank account number is  
**060801 0372154 00**

Please ensure that you have your name in the payee or reference column, so Ken can reconcile the payments.