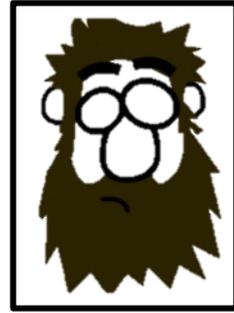


# Uncle Wacko's Gear Corner



## TRAMPING GEAR ADVICE FROM THE EXPERT

### Sublime Single Skin Shelters

Hunters just wander up, sling up an acre of plastic between some trees, chuck down a groundsheet and that's their shelter. Works for them.

But trampers won't always have trees around, want a shelter that's light and packs small, and generally aren't keen on being ravaged by mozzies. So a shaped fly with built in floor and bug netting is the way to go.

And these fantastic shelters from reliable outfits are exactly that – don't let Uncle Wacko see you even thinking about buying anything else!

#### THE LUNAR SOLO FROM 6 MOONS DESIGNS

The Lunar Solo is a ripper – spacious, robust, well-designed and cheap. The only negative is its 3000 hh floor, so consider a groundsheet. Fly is just OK at 2,500. Silnylon with single trekking pole setup, or buy separately. 740g (excluding stakes & pole). A bargain at USD200 + seam sealing USD30.



Lunar Solos strutting their stuff on this year's Interim trip

#### TARPTENT AEON LI

The Aeon Li is new - and **sensational!** Cuben fibre, single trekking pole setup, 496 grams (excluding pole). It has two great innovations – a structural peak strut, and a raised back wall with corner vents – giving way better wind stability, more living space, better ventilation. If you've got USD535 to spare, don't hesitate.

#### ZPACKS PLEXAMID

The reigning king of cuben fibre until Henry's Aeon Li came along and bumped it off its perch. Still a great tent though - 420 grams (excluding stakes and pole), single trekking pole setup, USD549.

#### TARPTENT PROTRAIL

A great silnylon option if you use 2 trekking poles. Front entry setup with a shortened pole at rear. Like the Lunar Solo, floor isn't ideal at 3000 hh, but fly is 5000. 737g (excluding poles), USD229 + seam-sealing USD35.

So that's your shelter done and dusted – crazy light, eh. Next month we're on to sleeping bags – don't miss it.

Spot ya.

*Uncle Wacko*