P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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++++ TRIP REPORTS

June 17th; OHAU HUT:

Seven members had an enjoyable, if rather wet, trip up the Ohau River. Weather was fine and sunny, but cool. It took approx. 1½ hours to reach Ohau Hut, and after a brew the party took to the river and headed upstream towards South Ohau for a further two hours before stopping to eat lunch and enjoy the sun. The return journey was made via the river - recommended for those who like going home with clean boots!

July 2nd – 3rd: McKINNON HUT:

On this weekend a party of seven ventured over the snow covered range of Hikirangi. Although progress was hindered by soft deep snow the view was probably one of the best in New Zealand. One could see all over Taranaki, as far south as the snow-capped peaks of the Tararuas, west to Egmont and the coast. Saturday evening saw a bright red sky silhouetting Mt. Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe on the horizon. The trip out was an easier one as our steps had frozen in and thus we stopped only two hours from the homestead for lunch at 11.30. Tramping in this area would be recommended all year round.

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At our last social Evening two interesting and instructive films on the wild life and scenery of the Waitaki River Catchment Area were shown. Our next Club night will be held on the 28th JULY. Please make a special effort to be there as our Club Rules have been approved by Committee, and as many signatures as possible (at least 15-20) are needed before we can become an Incorporated Society.

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The Wellington Section of the N.Z. Alpine Club is holding an Instruction Course in basic mountaincraft, consisting of the following: -

- A) 24 25th September, in Wellington. Members of the course will be expected to stay in Wellington from 10a.m. Saturday till 5 p.m. Sunday, and will be given lectures in basic mountaincraft and practical instruction in rock climbing.
- B) 8- 9th October and Labour Weekend, on Ruapehu and/or Egmont (probably one weekend each) for practical instruction in snow and ice-craft.

Applicants, who may be either male or female, should be reasonably experienced trampers; must be fit, and should preferably be in possession of their own gear, although the Alpine Club will attempt to provide equipment for those who need it.

Applications should be made personally to The Sec., Wellington Section, N.Z. Alpine Club, P.O. Box 1628, W'gton, by 22nd July, 1966.

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TRIP LIST

JULY 17 JULY 30-31	Roaring Stag Hut Erua - Hauhungatahi -Whakapapaiti	Bryan Abraham Hut Keith Potter	81.436 79.499
AUG 14	Saddle Hut, Ruahines	Bruce Watson	78.517
AUG 27 – 28	Snowcraft	Vern Stout	79.139
SEPT 10 - 11	Snowcraft, Purity Hut	Ian Barnes	85.854
SEPT 25	Mangahuia Peak, Ruahines	Wayne Boucher	79.839
OCT 8	Shorts Track	Suzanne Johnstone	77.118
OCT 22-23-24	Lake Colenso via Colenso	Vern Stout	79.139
Labour W/end	Track		
NOV 6	Wanganui College Hut,	Robert Scott	77.908
	Ohakune Mountain Road		
NOV 1 9 20	"The Comet" Kaikomata Range,	Tony Morrison	86.397
	Inland Patea Range		
DEC 3 - 4	Waipakihi, The Needles	Roger Clark	76.719
DEC 18	Tiritea Valley	Don Fletcher	87.432
DEC 26 - JAN 7 th	CHRISTMAS TRIP, Nelson	Russ Lacey	81.436
	Lakes National Park		
JAN 21-22-23			
Anniversary W/e	Gentle Annie, Te jAringa	Bill Olsen	75.480
JAN 21-22-23	Camerons Camp.		

All trips leave from the "**Izadiuzn**" at <u>6 a.m</u>. If you intend going on a particular trip please let the Trip Leader know a,s early as possible - he has to make arrangements re transport and sometimes get permission to cross private property or perhaps secure permits to use huts, etc.