

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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CLUB NIGHT – THURSDAY 30th MAY, 7.30 p.m.

We have arranged an evening of movies for this month's meeting and an order has been placed for the following films: -

"Sledges South" – prospective members of the N.Z. Antarctic Expedition undergo training in the Southern Alps. Also how the dogs are trained and prepared for the expedition.

"J.D. Goes, Hunting" - an American sportsman in the Dart Valley

"Battle of the Alps" - surveying and piercing of the Mont Blanc tunnel under the Alps from Chamoix in France to Entreves in Italy.

These are all of a high standard and the first two were made in N.Z. As you are probably aware we have to meet various expenses when holding a film evening, such as hire of projector and return postage on the films. We must meet these costs and at meetings of this type are compelled to ask those attending for a minimum of 15 cents entrance fee.

COMING TRIPS:

May 25 – 26th: A very good trip for all those people interested in rock climbing. The full weekend will be spent at Titahi Bay; we'll be sleeping in a place where not many will have ever slept. The trip is being instructed by Trevor Arnold who now resides in Wellington, so all those keen members please ring Roger Clarke - 76.719

Cost: approx. \$2.50

JUNE 1-2-3rd: Southern Crossing:

A trip all members should do as it is one that doesn't come up every five minutes. The trip will leave from the Otaki Forks across to Mt. Holdsworth. Those participating will need to be relatively fit for this one. Ring R. Clarke 76.719

Cost: approx. \$2.00

JUNE 16th: Kapakapanui. (near Waikanae)

A very easy trip, so no doubt we will all see some of our newer members who have not been on many trips lately - see you on this one. Ring Bruce Watson 78.517

Cost: approx. 80 cents.

JUNE 29 – 30th: A very interesting weekend, but some people will be returning Saturday night and some coming up Sunday morning. We do not want to see the same people enjoying this once-a-year trip. Watch the next Newsletter for the rest on this really exciting trip.

FINANCE: At the time of writing there are only 25 financial members. Non-financial members will find an account enclosed with this Newsletter and will not receive another Newsletter until this is paid. If subs. are not forthcoming within another month they will cease to be members of this Club.

HIRE GEAR: Owing to the late return of some hire gear, a deposit will now be asked to cover this. This will be refunded if gear is returned within three days of the last day of the hire period. If gear will cost a certain price the period loaned, then this amount is to be increased by 100% for extended time.

A hire billy is still missing ?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Members are invited to send letters to the Secretary for inclusion in the Newsletter. The following is the first of these.

"May I ask a question that has bothered me greatly over the past few trips? The question is - is this a tramping Club or an old people's rest home? I think it is about time some people decided what they want, e.g. a nice walk on a Sunday afternoon at the Esplanade or getting a good sweat up in the ranges? –"

Yrs. -'Are we-lazy-Fred'

TRIP REPORT

National Park, Waihothonu Hut - Family Trip - 30 came along:

Sparkling weather - by day a view of Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe under clear sky and warm sun - perfect. The night, with snow and ice and hard frost lit by a full moon, gave imaginary scenes of planet surfaces.

Surprised to find a new hut in the area, a replica of the Ketetahi Springs Hut and one of a series planned by the Park Board. The old hut is still there packed with atmosphere.

No great physical energy shown by the party; a few found the Tama Lakes and two found themselves on top of Ngauruhoe when the sun went down and played Ed Hillarys to get down. - "a bad example to the party." The wisdom of purchasing the Club's own first aid kit came to mind when a member came staggering through the door with a broken trouser fly zipper.

A good trip in an unspoiled area of the Park. No growls, other than the evening meal, of spaghetti which resembled a fastset fibreglass compound in texture.

Thanks to all car owners; to Wayne & Co. for filling up drained radiators, and to Keith for working out trip costs.

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