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CLUB NIGHT - THURSDAY 25th JULY:

At Berry Engineering Works Ltd., Social Room.

An evening of films has been arranged for this meeting and the following films have been ordered from the National Film Library.

"Battle of the Alps" - the survey and piercing of the Mt. Blanc Tunnel

"Wild Highlands" - the wild life and beauty of the Highlands of Scotland.

"Four Ways to Milford".

In order to meet the costs of this meeting a collection will be taken at the door when a minimum of .15 cents is requested from everyone.

COMING TRIPS:

14th JULY: As permission cannot be obtained to cross the farmer's property at the Black Ridge, Kahuterawa Valley, the trip will now be taken into Brown's Flat, Tiritea. The trip will include a tramp; through native bush down to the Tiritea Hut and back up the Tiritea River to Brown's Flat again. Cost 30c. Leader Russ Johnson 87.777

28th July: Harris Creek Hut: We tried to reach this hut on one of our summer day trips without success. The scenery is delightful in this area and those who take part will enjoy a moderately easy trip.

Cost approx. 70 cents.

Ring Roger Clarke - 76.719

17 – 18th August – Whakapapaiti Hut, Mt. Ruapehu:

This weekend will be under the control of experienced instructors from the Club and all those who attend will benefit from the experience. Leader: Bill Olsen -75.400

SATURDAY 31st August – Ruapehu Bus Trip:

We hope to see a good following on this trip to such a terrific spot. Some members will be skiing, others, rockclimbing. We are told by a very reliable source that there is plenty of snow on the mountain, even now. By the way this trip does not interfere with school work as it is in the school holidays, so c'mon Dad, take the family out. Expected total cost of day, \$6.00. Ring Lawson Pither 85.616

PAST TRIPS

RANGIWAHIA WORK PARTY (and Tramping):

The weather on the Saturday began wet, then gradually improved but about 400' below the hut snow began to fall and continued for most of the next 24 hours. During the morning the small party working on the slip stretched wire rope over it to be used as a handrail. This appeared to be successful except in one small gully where falling rocks carried away a post during Saturday night. The N.Z. Forest Service supplied the materials and we were fortunate to have the assistance of a Forest Service Officer, Mr. Mike Martyn, with the job.

The Shelter provided by the hut was enjoyed by all and was surprisingly cosy, though rather crowded, and difficulty was experienced in finding sleeping room, with ten trying to rest on an 8-man bunk.

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The hut looked very picturesque with about six inches of snow on the roof and icicles dangling from the eaves.

Visitors during Sunday morning were two deerstalkers and another small party from our Club. These dauntless climbers fought their way through the snowstorm and up to a foot of snow to arrive looking more like snowmen than human. Those taking part were:

Weekenders: Kathleen Baxter, Peter Baxter, Russell Johnson, Ian Hoare, Jeannie Daamen, Judy Griffiths, Kevan Pearce, Robert Wellington, Keith Potter, Lawson Pither, Chris Richardson, John Saunders, Miles Stilwell, Wayne Boucher; and on Sunday: Elliott Cameron, Robert Grant, Glennys Allen.

KAKAPAPANUI: How many persons would rather get a good sweat up than watch television on a Sunday? This was the question put by a member of a group from the Club who took part in the day trip to 3615 feet on the top of Kakapapanui near Waikanae. Despite the weather the party enjoyed it thoroughly. With a few pushes and pulls everyone managed to be on top for lunch. Cloud cut visibility to a few feet but was surprisingly warm. On the way down a break in the cloud gave the trampers a silhouetted view of Kapiti. Present on the trip: Kathy and Peter Baxter, Sheryll Kirkpatrick, Mark Batchelar, Bruce Watson, Chris Richardson, Ian Voice, Lawson Pither, Ann Morrison, Jeannie Daamen, Wayne Boucher, Kevan Pearce and Nick Wolfe.

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From the President: - You are all recommended to put into practice the advice on safety which we received from our speakers last month. While a great deal of one's responsibility for this rests with the individual, there are two matters which I should like to be treated as of great importance. The first concerning safety while travelling to and from trips. Would drivers please observe all speed limits and use every care while transporting our members.

The second observation is addressed to Trip Leaders, who I should like to see making a special effort over track discipline, especially the keeping of their parties from becoming too spread out and also the placing of an experienced man at the rear of the party.

Let your motto be - safety at all times.

SEARCH & RESCUE:

On; the 9th July we had a full scale search for two shooters in the Tokomaru area. Many thanks to all who, not only turned out, but also rang to volunteer. The fact was we got embarrassed with too many offers. Jack Body of the Manawatu Tramping Club was Field Search Controller and the missing party was found before base was established. A good many lessons came out of this search and these will be discussed at a debrief to be held in about a fortnight. Team leaders only will be invited, I'm sorry, in order to keep it as small as possible.

It is a shake up for us though to get our Club organized for 'assistance and you will be invited to give your names and fill in a form for Bill Homes at next Club night. Find out first if there are any conditions when you won't be available and if you are working, what does your employer think about it, and will you lose your pay?

-- Vern Stout