

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER 5/71

COMING EVENTS.

6th May Coffee Evening at the Nicoberg, 8.00 p.m.

8th-9th May BUSHCRAFT I to be held near map grid reference 297197. This is the first of a series of courses on various aspects of the tramping and mountaineering crafts. Elementary navigation, tent pitching, fire lighting and river crossing will be discussed. Bring food for a communal stew, ground sheet, Tararua map, compass, and a length of cord. Primuses prohibited.

Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday. Home by: 6 00 p.m. Sunday
Grading: Medium Fit. Leader: Kevin Pearce Ph.74-129 ext.856.
Cost: \$1.00.

12th May Lunch meeting. As the outdoor lunch meetings have not been well attended members are invited on this occasion to meet, at the "Mark Twain" on the Grand side of the Square soon after mid-day. Price \$1.25.

17th May Committee Meeting – 7.30 p.m. at Lynne Potter's Flat 2, 6 Pirie St.

20th May Coffee at the Nicoberg, 8.00 p.m.

22nd-23rd May MITRE-HOLDSWORTH Eastern Tararua Tops trip.

Storm gear essential. Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.
Home by: 8.30 p.m. Sunday. Grading: Fitness Essential.
Leader: Kevin Pearce, Ph.74-129 ext.856. Cost: \$2.40

22nd-23rd May ATIWHAKATU Eastern Tararuas.

Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.
Home by: 7.00 p.m. Sunday. Grading: Medium.
Leader: Dave Ryrie, Names to Lynne Potter, Ph. 72920 between 5.30 -8 p.m.
Cost: \$2.40.

25th May Instruction on the use of two-way portable radios as used on Search and Rescue Operations. This evening concerns all those who are interested in Search & Rescue (S.A.R.). It will include the actual setting up of a radio, message composition and message handling. The evening will start at 7.30 p.m. and will conclude after supper, about 10.00 p.m. Place - Room 6, Police Station.

22nd June Instruction on the use of a compass, and in map and aerial photo reading. This evening is a must for all those who are interested in S.A.R. This evening will include instruction on the practical use of a compass by an experienced trumper and deerstalker. It is expected that an officer of the Lands & Survey Dept. will give instruction on the correct way to interpret maps and aerial photographs as used in Search & Rescue Operations. This evening will start at 7.30 and conclude after supper about 10.00 p.m. Place - Room 6, Police Station.
Please ring Russ Johnson 87-777, if you think you will be able to attend either of these evenings.

27th May CLUB NIGHT at the Society of Friends Church Hall, 227 College. St. at 7.30 p.m. A slide evening is to be presented on this occasion on a recent trip to the Fiordland National Park by some of our members. This is a most interesting and unspoilt area and is very suitable for longer type trips by Club parties.

29th-30th May WAIIOPEHU – GABLE END, in the Ohau area.
Leader: Ian Hoare, Ph. 83-448 Grading: Fit. Cost: \$1.80

5th-7th June Queen's Birthday Weekend trip to the RICHMOND MTS. near Blenheim.
Maximum number on trip – eight. Names are required as soon as possible to make bookings.
Leader: Dave Ryrie.
Grading: Fitness Essential Public Transport Costs Approx. \$8.00.

5th-7th June MAIN RANGE TARARUAS
Leader: Adrian Turner, Ph. 79-586. Grading: Medium. Cost: \$1.80

10th June Coffee at the Nicoberg, 8.00 p.m.

16th June Lunch time meeting at the "Mark Twain". From 12 noon till 1.30 p.m.

19th-20th June ROCK CLIMBING I An introduction to rock climbing at famous Titahi Bay.
This weekend will be a prerequisite to Rock Climbing II and Snowcraft II. Bring normal weekend tramping gear and food and also a water bottle containing water. Cost: \$2.00. Names to Lawson Pither 85-616 before 16th June.

CHRISTMAS TRIP URGENT
27th December-10th January.

Names of those who at this period of time are at all interested in going on the Christmas Trip are required by Lawson Pither, Phone 85-616. There is no definite commitment but they are required in order to arrange bookings with the Shipping Company. Please advise these any evening before 8 p.m. as soon as possible.

SUBSCRIPTIONS These are now due and those who are not financial members are requested to remedy this during the next month.

Junior: \$1 50 Senior: \$3.00 Family: \$4.00
Post C/- P.O. Box 1217, or pay to Treasurer Lynne Potter, Flat 2, 6 Pirie St.

HIRE GEAR The following is a list of Club gear for hire:

Billies, 4 pt. & 8 pt.	10c	Frame Pack	30c	Day Pack	30c
Primus & Fuel Bottles	50c	100' Polypropolin Rope	40c		
120' Nylon Rope	70c	Vynlon Tents	50c	Parka	40c

Kampdown Sleeping Bag & Cover. No charge fixed as yet.

The above charges are for weekends and are reducible by ½ if hired for one day only.

Items may be hired for longer periods if so desired.

Gear Custodian: Russ Johnson ph. 87-777.

NEW HIRE GEAR The Club has received two ice axes and one climbing rope and these will be available for Members' use after the next Committee Meeting.

FOR SALE Three dozen Tararua Biscuits in very good order. Some are in mint condition but for the most part they have only been bitten once.

One upper denture in slightly damaged condition but has the advantage of being wearable either as a half denture or after repairs as a whole unit.

Apply in writing, in triplicate, to the President who advises that all mugs have been sold.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Without actually making a complaint, I feel that sometimes we go into the mountains not as well prepared as some other parties. I have just finished reading Charles' Evans' book and cannot help but compare the equipment he required for a small party of nine with that taken by a P.N.T.M.C. party of thirty-nine or even thirteen.

For the consideration of future trip leaders I have listed a few selected items with the quantities used by the Evans party.

Brandy	4 × ½ bottles
Herbs	29 × 1 oz boxes
Condensed milk	72 tubes
Treacle toffee	98 × 4 oz bars
Salmon	56 × 1 lb tins
Note: no rice and raisins taken.	
Aluminium ladders, 6 ft.	15
Crampons	55 pairs
Balaclavas	45
Lilos	39
Safety pins	4 doz.
Amphetamine	100 × 5 mg.
Cascara	100 × 1 gr. tabs.
Bone forceps	1 pair
Giving and taking sets for blood	1
Thermometers	5
Cigarettes	25,000
Hair dressing set	1
Torch batteries	120

They also bought 32 maunds of tsampa, 100 maunds of rice and 1 Yak for the porters. 1 maund = 80 lbs.

Yours faithfully,
William A Yeti (Jnr.)

PAST EVENTS

9th-13th April EASTER TRIP TO TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK.

Fourteen members of the club spent a most rewarding weekend in the National Park, notwithstanding the unexpected. By devious means and routes all were present at Soda Springs on Saturday morning. A pleasant day was spent climbing around by various people. Six climbed Ngaruahoe on this occasion.

The next day the party made the saddle between Tongariro and Ngaruahoe where it split into three groups, visits being made to Red Crater, Ngaruahoe, and a tour of North, South, West and Red Craters via Tongariro being made.

Later in the day the members rejoined and the way made to Tama Lakes, some, the peasants⁺, going around the base of Ngaruahoe and others, the Elite⁺, going by the direct route across the mountain, both arriving somewhat later than expected.

The following day the way out was made to the Chateau via the Taranaki Falls. All but six who were to spend the Tuesday rock climbing returned to Palmerston.

Thanks to the auspices of Roger a most comfortable night was spent in the Catholic Tramping Club Hut and the following day rock climbing on Meades wall, despite the fact that six people ate sixteen people's prunes!

⁺ Definitions: Peasants - of the lower class - rural trampers.
Elite - Superior to - ie. "Peak Baggers Inc."

Trip members: Richard Clark, Roger Lander, Dawn Ellis, Heather Crabb, Angus Lonie, Cheryl Salmons, Adrienne Thompson, Jane Scrymgeour, Gavin Rogerson, Kevin Pearce, Brad Owen, Peter Baxter, Sue Streeter, Peter Sutcliffe, Grant Potter: Leader.

25th-26th April BABERS SADDLE DAY CROSSING OF THE NORTHERN TARARUAS

Bruce Lockwood, Owen and Royce Mills, Kevin Pearce, Grant Potter, Peter Baxter and Graham Pascoe enjoyed a successful crossing in fine weather. The going was a little harder and slower than expected so that we had to camp rather than make use of the Luxurious accommodation which had been planned for Sunday night. Unfortunately we missed the first episode of the TV programme "The First of the Churchills." Dinner on Sunday and breakfast on Monday were model meals (scale model, that is) and were enjoyed. Everyone remained cheerful and uncomplaining throughout.

Thanks are due to Brad Owen and Lawson and Inda Pither for transport and for holding the fort at the town end of things. Apologies are due to the worried relatives.