



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING  
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)  
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

## NEWSLETTER

6/74

Hon. Secretary,  
Tim Short, 76-906  
Membership Enquiries  
Peter Croad, 80-284 (evenings)

### COMING EVENTS.

#### 22-23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE MAKARETU - HAPPY DAZE HUT

Come and see this part of the Eastern Ruahine Ranges. A part of the hills not frequently visited on club trips.

Leader : John Williams Phone 84-925  
Grading: Medium  
Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.  
Cost : \$2.50

An F.E. trip in the same area may also run. For details Ian Hoare Phone 83-448

#### 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. Thursday In the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street.

Colin Abbott will be showing slides, and will be telling us of the work of the Outdoor Pursuits Centre (near National Park), and of his adventures associated with its activities. Colin, who comes from the large island to the north, and west of New Zealand, was the leader of the Massey Alpine Club debating team and the recent inter club debate, and was chief instructor at the Centre.

Supper Duties: Keith Margrain (tea towels)  
Stuart Taylor  
Shirley Whitehead

#### 29-30<sup>th</sup> JUNE SHORTS -- DEERFORD TRACKS

A medium trip onto Ngamoko Range south of "Rangi" in Western Ruahines. This trip will be "orientated" so as to focus around James's celebration barbecue.

Names to Tim Short Phone 76-906  
Grading: Medium  
Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.  
Cost : \$1.50

29-30<sup>th</sup> JUNE BARBECUE -- HERITAGE LODGE

As mentioned in last month's newsletter to celebrate James' becoming Kiwi-ised.  
The focal point for the weekend's activities.

Details from, and names to Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925

Grading: Easy

Cost : \$1.50

30<sup>th</sup> JUNE TOKA PEAK

For those who have weathered the previous night's activities in Heritage Lodge, and for any interested in a day trip this is an easy climb onto Toka Peak up Deerford Track.

Leader : Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925

Grading: Easy

Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.

Cost : \$1.50

6-7<sup>th</sup> JULY NGAPUKETERUA -- HARRIS CREEK -- MANGAHAO

An interesting area, and one that holds a certain fascination for our club President.  
Hear some of the tales of Trevor's past ventures into this hidden paradise.

Leader : Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925

Grading: Fit

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

Cost : \$1.50

6-7<sup>th</sup> JULY SCHORMANS CROSSING

Also this weekend a chance to cross the Tararuas via a relatively easy route behind Shannon.

Leader : Tim Short

Grading: Medium

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

Cost : \$3-20 approx.

7<sup>th</sup> JULY MANGAHAO RIVER

An easy walk along one of the Tararuas major rivers.

Leader : Peter Croad Phone 80-284

Grading: Easy

Depart : Izadium 7.00 a.m.

Cost : \$1.20

10<sup>th</sup> JULY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 7.30 p.m. at Mary-Ann's, 3 Carlton Avenue.

13-14<sup>th</sup> JULY NGAURUHOE ROUNDABOUT

A chance to further your knowledge of this interesting area. Full storm gear, and fitness will be required.

Leader : Kevin Pearce Phone 76-198

Grading: Fit

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

Cost : \$6.00

13-14<sup>th</sup> JULY OTURERE HUT

This modern hut on southern slopes of Ngauruhoe offers access to much interesting country. Natural springs, lava flows, and scoria are some of the many interesting attractions.

Leader : Tim Short Phone 76-906

Grading: Medium

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

Cost : \$5.00

20-21<sup>st</sup> JULY OROUA RIVER -- TRIANGLE HUT

This trip offers a chance of reaching Triangle Hut via the Oroua River instead of the more common route over "Rangi".

Leader : Keith Margrain Phone 79-303

Grading: Medium

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

Cost : \$1.50

21<sup>st</sup> JULY IRON GATES HUT

Also on the Oroua River. A trip for those who can't make the weekend trip, or who want an easier trip.

Leader : Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925

Grading: Easy

Depart : Izadium 7.00 a.m.

Cost : \$1.50

25<sup>th</sup> JULY CLUB NIGHT

27-28<sup>th</sup> JULY ROARING STAG LODGE -- RUAMAHANGA RIVER

A trip through some of the best bush in the Tararua Forest Park. This area behind Mt. Bruce in the Wairarapa is too beautiful to be missed.

Leader : John Williams Phone 84-925

Grading: Medium

Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.

Cost : \$2.00

28<sup>th</sup> JULY RUAMAHANGA RIVER

A stroll along bush covered terraces. An unspoiled area of the Tararuas. Come, and see for yourself.

Leader : Kay Nilsen Phone 83-180

Grading: Easy

Depart : Izadium 7.00 a.m.

Cost : \$2.00

NOTICES

New Members:-

A hearty welcome to.

Mark Bell, 19 Swansea Street, Palmerston North. Phone 77-727

Alan Crews, 46 Sutherland Crescent, Palmerston North.

### Photo Album

Keith Margrain is anxious to obtain further photos for the club's Album. Can you help? Cameras are often seen on club activities, but rarely do we see the results!

### Christmas Trips

Although Christmas, and Christmas Holidays are still a long way off it is necessary that bookings, and other arrangements be made now. If you are interested in a Christmas Trip (see newsletter 4/74, page 3) please let Trevor Stretton (Phone 84-925 evenings) know before the end of June, otherwise you may miss out.

### Answers to last Months Map and Compass Exercise

True bearings from the features in the top row.

Number	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Grid Ref.	51701	569856	538898	563924
Feature	Mangahuia	Otumore	Triangle Hut	Te Hekenga
(a)	-	311	278	243
(b)	131	-	144	175
(c)	98	324	-	224
(d)	63	355	44	-

N.B. Triangle Hut is incorrectly located on the map.

If your answers agree within two degrees of the numbers given above then you have done very well. Plus, or minus five degrees is acceptable.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

It is with dismay that I have read in recent trip reports (see Newsletter 4/74) of the deplorable practice of members (and others) streaking around the hills.

Surely it is one of the duties of the VICE President to see that a curb is kept on this type of behaviour. I feel that I must point out that our VICE President, besides being innocent, is a fine upstanding young man, with a strong moral sense, who perhaps knows nothing of VICE.

Yours etc.,  
Pat

### PAST EVENTS

#### 18<sup>th</sup> May Rock Climbing, Titahi Bay.

Stuart MacLackland, Peter Croad, Dennis Church, Tim Short, Keith Margrain, Kevin Pearce, and Gerald White, and Phil Hynes of the Bush Tramping Club braved sunshine to face a leisurely day of rock climbing at this very pleasant spot near Wellington.

#### 11-12<sup>th</sup> May Mount Matthews Climb

A party of the Club's top mountaineers were successful in their attempt on Mount Matthews by the notorious South Col route. Matthews towers to the prodigious height of 940,613 mm, and is the highest peak in the Rimutaka Range (to the east of Wellington).

The party split into two teams, and approached the mountain independently by different routes to reduce the danger of an avalanche wiping out the whole effort at one blow. One team approached by way of the Whakanui Track while the second team used the Eight Kilometer Track (formerly known as the Five Mile Track, but hereby renamed to conform with metrication).

Base camp was set up beside the Orongoronga River, and early on Sunday the attempt was made. A blizzard was raging on the upper slopes, but this did not prevent success.

On returning to our cars we found that they had received the attention of thieves. Petrol, tools, and battery had been taken, and a window, and locking petrol cap smashed. The loss however is very much greater. If we cannot leave cars unattended at road ends then we cannot tramp.

Those taking part were:- Kay Nilsen, Peter Darragh, Clare Brownlee, Robert Cambell, Trevor Bissell, Keith Margrain, Pam Dunick, Sue Ellis, and Kevin Pearce.

#### Anniversary Weekend -- Northern Crossing

At times the most arduous part of any trip is getting to, and from the roadend. Often it becomes necessary to lay oneself at the 'Feet' of the masses. Such was the case with this particular trip. Thursday came along like most Thursdays do, and we were still without transport for our Friday night start. There was still one ray of hope however. We could attempt to trade on the good natured kindness, understanding, and loyalty of that inner circle of people devoted to the club, the backbone, the very heart of the club, those who would be prepared to give up, an evening of wine, men, and song for the course. We were not disappointed. So with heavy packs (we were carrying the good wishes of the masses) we paddled up the Ohau River to South Ohau Hut.

From South Ohau after a brief (two steps) walk along flat ground we began to climb, and continue to climb until we topped Pukematawai. Despite the ominous appearance of a Brocken Spectre just past Pukematawai, we eventually arrived at Dorset Ridge Hut, our haven for the night. Sunday saw us retrace our steps along Dorset Ridge, and continue on along the range over Girdlestone, Atkin, The Kings, The Broken Axe Pinnacles, McGregor, Angle Knob, Jumbo, and Holdsworth Lodge.

Due to the staggered start on Friday night we had a staggered finish. Those with exams, and assignments returning by rail on Sunday, those who have finished their exams, and assignments ('wrinkles') return in home on Monday.

Those owing their thanks to Mary-Ann, and Pam were:- Glenn Dixon, Tim Short, Ian Hoare, Keith Margrain, Trevor Bissell, Dave Munro, and Kevin Pearce.

#### 25-26<sup>th</sup> May The Humiliation of the Desperadoes. Ruapehu

Eighteen persons travel to the Ohakune side of Mount Ruapehu on Saturday morning. The weather was (five assorted expletives deleted) however this did not stop our band from venturing forth from Blyth Hut. Half the party headed up into mist, wind, and rain in search of snow while the other half visited the Wanganui High School Hut. Sunday dawns fine, but the (characterisation omitted) snow of Saturday had turned to ice overnight.

The party was again divided into two groups -- the desperadoes (mainly F.E. types), and the moderates. The desperadoes left at speed, blundering up the rocky top of an otherwise ice covered ridge. The moderates cut steps across a narrow icy gully to a second rocky ridge, which ran much further up the mountain than the first ridge and thereby saving much step cutting, and time thus it came to pass that the moderates caught up with the desperadoes at a height of about 7000 feet. The hardness of the ice, and the lack of time forced both parties to turn back.

Those taking part were:- (list lost).