



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
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NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

26th August CLUB NIGHT

Mr. G. Smithers will speak about his ventures through Nepal to the base of Everest. Relate his experiences to your own in the Tararuas and Ruahines. Any interested persons are welcome to attend this informative evening.

Venue: Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St., (behind the West End Chemist) 7.30 p.m..

28th – 29th August SAWTOOTH RIDGE

A great value Ruahine winter trip. Ice axes could be a good idea.

Leader:	Keith Margrain, Ph. 79-303
Grading:	Fitness Essential
Depart Supersave:	Friday night 6.30.
Cost:	\$4.00

28th – 29th August HOWLETTS HUT

Set high in the rugged snow capped Ruahines, Howletts is a hut with real character. Go and have a look.

Leader:	Keith Margrain, Ph. 79-303
Grading:	Medium
Depart Supersave:	Saturday 6.00. a.m.
Cost:	\$4.00

4th-5th September FULL OTAKI RIVER

A trip starting behind Levin and finishing behind Otaki. Only one climb involved and lots of downhill. This beautiful valley is threatened with drowning for the power hungry masses. Come to the best Western Tararua valley and see for yourself.

Names to:	John Williams, Ph. 84-925
Grading:	Fit
Cost:	\$3.00
Depart Supersave:	6.00 a.m.

5th September WAITEWAEWAE HUT

See the weekenders on the last leg of their pilgrimage. No steep climbing is involved though the tramp could occupy the greater part of the day.

Names to:	John Williams, Ph. 84-925
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$3.00
Depart Supersave:	6.30 a.m.

11th-12th September SNOWCRAFT COURSE II EGMONT

A follow up to Snowcraft I though anybody will be welcome on this trip. Ice axes, woollen trousers, snow goggles etc. will be necessary. The venue for this trip will probably be Kapuni Lodge depending upon confirmation of bookings. Further details from Trevor Bissell.

Organiser:	Trevor Bissell, Ph. 68-644
Cost:	\$11.00 Approx. (food included)
Depart Supersave:	Friday, 6.30 p.m.

13th September COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. at Sue Streeter's, 48 Worcester St., Palmerston North.

18th-19th and 19th September Rangiwahia (Mid-Winter Trip)

This popular trip should attract a good muster. Those attending usually enjoy this tramp with its usual fun and frolic. Who amongst us will swim under the waterfall or swim in the ice covered tarn. Come and see or better still join the Rangiwahia Polar Bear Club.

Leader:	Kathy tyer
Names to:	Ian Hoare, Ph. 83-448
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$2.90
Depart Supersave	7.00 a.m. Saturday and 7.00 a.m. Sunday

25th-26th September SNOWCLIMB

The venue for this trip will probably be Massey' Hut on the Ohakune side of Ruapehu. Those attending should have tried to participate on at least one prior snowcraft instruction course; though not absolutely necessary. Ice axes, snow goggles etc. are necessary. Further information from Brad.

Leader:	Brad Owen, Ph. 83-467
Cost:	\$10.00 Approx. (food included)
Depart Supersave:	6.30 p.m. Friday.

30th September CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. at the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms., 227 College St., behind the West End Chemist.

All welcome.

NOTICES:

Found in Bram Hoare's car after Putara Hut trip. One only sock. If anybody misses it Ph. 83-448.

PAST TRIPS

20th-21st March NGAURUHOE – KEHETAHI HUT

Nine persons spent a successful weekend in the Tongariro National Park. Saturday dawned fine, and after much travel along 'goat track' road, we eventually reached Mangatepopo Hut where the comfort of the cars was discarded for the rigors of tramping.

Most toiled up the steep slopes of Ngauruhoe's summit on a very hot day. The return journey was done in a fraction of the time. Most people then sidled Tongariro to Kehetahi Hut. Some of the keener persons returned to Mangetopopo for rockclimbing experience. Sometime around midnight these persons (exception one person who shall remain anonymous, but is known to have a lazy disposition) arrived at Kehetahi after moonlight tramping.

Sunday dawned with mist and rain. Most persons returned via the conventional route to Mangetopopo while Ian Hoare, Trevor, Bram and Roy returned via the Tongariro Summit.

All in all, a most enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Those participating: Roy Wilson, Bram Hoare, Keith Margrain, Karyn Bishop, Philip Beech, Ross Meder, Trevor Bissell, Ian Hoare, Peter Darragh.

5th-6th-7th June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, EGMONT.

A trip report has been received for this trip – and the one above. However, due to the obscure presentation it was not possible to reproduce them accurately. Therefore, what can be salvaged from the leader's hazy recollections (Peter Darragh) is presented here.

It seems several abortive attempts were made to reach the top but inclement weather conditions prevented this until the final day. Also it seems the party may have damaged the club's pure image by piking and spending the night in a luxury lodge on the lower slopes.

An excuse is offered – it was snowing!!

For confirmation or denial of these facts ask any of the below mentioned persons.

Trevor Bissell, Bill Frecklington, Philip Beech or Peter Darragh.

20th June PURITY HUT

Seven hardy club members set forth from Palmerston North at 7.00 a.m. in heavy rain. After a slow trip which included clearing fallen trees from the road, they set off from the road-end in the cold and rain.

A steep and muddy climb through farmland was rewarded by the view from the top, and was followed by a less demanding walk through snow-clad bush. They arrived at the hut in time to meet the weekenders beginning their descent and to have a welcome hot drink and lunch.

It was too cold to rest for long and they began the trip back in steady rain which did not let up until the cars were reached.

Trip members: Maryann Stretton, Trevor Stretton, Heather Crabb, Al Dennard, Kathy Tyer, Ian Hoare, Vivien Mawson.