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TRIPS OFTEN LEAVE FROM THE FOODTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSSON STREET UNLESS THE LEADER ARRANGES OTHERWISE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING ON A TRIP, PLEASE ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP, CONTACT THE LEADER OF THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A DAY TRIP MID-WEEK SEE DETAILS BELOW, OR RING Lawson and Sue Pither (357-3033), or Monica (354-3834), Nancy (358-8241), John (358-3513).

Trip Grades

Grade of trips can depend on many factors, most especially the weather and state of the track. As a guide, a reasonably proficient tramper would be expected to cover the graded trips in about the following times: Easy (E) 3 - 4 hours, Medium (M) 5 - 6 hrs, Fit (F) about 8 hrs, Fitness Essential (FE) >8 hrs. (Tech) refers to trips graded technical requiring either special skills and / or gear.

Members are reminded that a charge for transport will be collected on the day of the trip, the amount depending on the distance traveled and vehicles used. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance.

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMME

Please sign your name in the visitors book. There is a door fee of 30c which includes supper.

Club meetings are held for all club (and intending) members on the last Thursday of each month and the Thursday two weeks prior to that evening. The venue is the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North, at 7:45 pm unless otherwise notified in the newsletter.

The PNTMC committee meets on the first Thursday of each month.

SCHEDULED EVENT LIST

JULY

Committee meeting 7th. Club Nights: Thursdays 14th. And 28th. **JULY 14** Photographic Competition compared as usual by John Cleland.

JULY 28 Patagonia – A botanisť s view – Jill Rapson.

Date Trip Grade Leader Phone

JULY 17 Rangi Hut E Mick Leyland 358-3183 A trip with a two-fold purpose. An opportunity for those who don't wish to travel too far afield in order to enjoy some snow and the second purpose being to rehang the PNTMC photo display board. Keener participants can continue on to Mangahuia etc. Departs 8 am Sunday.

JULY 16-17Snowcraft IMPeter Wiles358-6894Work commitments have meant that Nigel has had to drop out from leading this event. Peter and Terry Crippen will be
taking the instruction side of this event. This trip will depart PN at 6 am Saturday and head back on Sunday afternoon.Essential for those who desire to gain the skills to safely explore the magic in and beyond the snow line. Brush-up your
basic snow skills and in particular - walking in show, self arresting, kicking steps, step cutting, the structure of snow,
glissading and more. The venue will be Rangipo Hut, located at about 1,550 m on the eastern side of Ruapehu. It takes
normally about 2 hours walk to reach the hut. With snow to rather low levels over the past couple of weeks, just how far
we will be able to drive will depend on conditions. Participants will require two hut tickets or their seasow's pass. Any
respectable boots will do, with tall gaiters, together with sunglasses, sun cream, parka and over trousers and an iceaxce.
Warm clothing (especially a change of clothing) will also be very desirable.

JULY 23Yeoman's TrackMtn BikeAaron Panchaud 354-8422This trip will depart PN at 9 am Saturday. Riders must have off-road tyres. If anyone is interested in going for a day trip in
the area, rather than the ride, please contact Aaron.

JULY 23-24JumboMJenny McCarthy 06-376-8838This will depart PN at 6.30 am on Saturday. If the weather is good on the Saturday, we will go up to Powell Hut, then
along the tops to Jumbo. Otherwise, we will go along the Atiwhakatu and then up to Jumbo Hut and hopefully be able to
complete the circuit with some fantastic Tararua views on the Sunday. (Two hut tickets or pass required.)

<u>JULY 30-31</u> Tunupo-Irongates F Terry Crippen 356-3588 This will leave PN at 7 am Saturday. We intend heading up onto Tunupo along the Ngamoko Range and down to Irongates Hut for the night. On Sunday, it will be an easy stroll back down the sidle track along the Oroua River.

JULY 31Whanahuia Range via Heritage MMick Leyland 358-3183This will leave PN at 7.30 am Sunday. A trip via a route not recently tramped by the club. The intention is to make a loop
coming out at Rangi.The intention is to make a loop

AUGUST

Committee Meeting: 4th. Club Nights: 11th and 25th.

AUGUST 11 Climbing in the Tasman Saddle region - Dave Barker and friends.

AUGUST 25 Denmark, Holland and Finland - Doug Strachan will continue his European exploits.

Date Trip Grade Leader

<u>AUGUST 6</u> Stanfield E Tui Craven 355-4179 This will leave PN at 8 am, Saturday. Another cruisey trip led by Tui. We'll be going up the 4WD track and returning via the wet route.

Phone

<u>AUGUST 6-7</u> Sawtooth Ridge FE Tony Gates 357-7439 Tony intends to depart either Friday evening or Saturday morning. A classic trip requiring some alpine equipment and skills. Tony intends going in via the Rangi (western) side.

<u>AUGUST 6-7</u> Syme Hut Fanthams Peak T Trevor Meyle 354-9126 We will be going to visit Syme Hut and spending Saturday night there. We will play all other activities by ear, which will depend on the weather, ice conditions, the make of the party etc. (Intending participants must have completed Snowcraft II or equivalent experience.) Some rope work will definitely be tried. If good conditions, we might examine the western side of Egmont.

AUGUST 13 Sunrise E Malcolm Parker 357-5203 This will depart 7 am Saturday. Another cruisey trip with the opportunity to get up to the snow. Also if it is clear, to get a view across to Ruapehu from Armstrong Saddle. The return will probably take the track down into the Waipawa River and hut.

AUGUST 13-14	Snowcraft II Tahurangi Lodge	Μ	Derek Sharp	326-8178
AUGUST 20	Coppermine Creek	E	Liz Morrison	357-6532
AUGUST20-21	Upper Tama Lake	М	Peter Wiles	358-6894
AUGUST 27-28	Sparrowhawk/Maropea	F	Nigel0Barrett	326-8847
AUGUST 27-28	Mitre Flats	E/M	Doug Strachan	357-5732
AUGUST 28	Mitre Flats	М	Doug Strachan	357-5732

Club nights further ahead <u>SEPTEMBER 15th</u> - Cho Oyo climbing expedition (8,153 m, the world's 11th highest peak) presented by Clive Jones.

EDITORIAL

PLANNING IN ADVANCE

What are you planning to do on New Year's Eve 1999? No, the Editor has not had a sudden rush of blood to the head or taken leave of his senses, it is looming as a serious question!

The reason I started thinking about this unique event was an article in the National Business Review (1 July 1994) 'Entrepreneurs put up millions for the party of the millennium'. The fact is, people are already thinking ahead - far ahead and lots of them. It's already too late to book for several desirable events. The bad news is that if you were thinking of partying at the Ritz that evening, it is already booked out (the good news is that you have just saved yourself \$3,000). Similarly for the cruise on the QEII - to see the sunrise over the Pyramids beside the Nile - US\$10, 000 a berth - sorry also booked out.

Turning closer to home and the realms of the more practical, local organisations are starting to see the potential of making money out of New Zealand's unique position immediately west of the date line; especially Gisborne and the East Cape fraternity. Gisborne is already starting to organise its "Odyssey's End, the year 2000 festival". Expectations at this stage are that there will be an influx of 60,000 overseas tourists into the area on that day alone!

One can see hundreds, if not thousands, heading for Mt Hikurangi, and for the less energetic - East Cape lighthouse and Lot ten point. The latter two being public reserves and directly accessible by road. (Both vantage points are at the extremities of East Cape.)

Having been to the summit of Mt Hikurangi and seen the sunrise, I can say that it is a most unforgettable experience. The summit area is, however, severely restricted in area, steep, narrow and very unsuitable for masses of people - especially if in a questionable state of sobriety – even in perfect weather.

Such speculation is however, just speculation. The critical questions are whether there is any interest in such escapades and whether the Maori owners will be prepared to agree to access. If the answer is in the affirmative on both counts, then is there (will there be) a booking system to ration numbers or what controls? Should we endeavour to make inquiries?

NOTICES

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome a new member to the club: Rose Aston 521A Church Street Phone: 356-4595

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

If you are unable to make it or expect to be late, please ensure that your apology is forwarded to the secretary in advance. Next meeting at Tricia's place 57 Fairs Road.

COMMON SEAL AND OFFICIALESE

We are slowly making progress with some of the official documentation of the club. We now have a new Common Seal which, is in the hands of the proud secretary. We next have to register the new seal with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. Then having done that, we have to stamp the new constitution and submit it to the above

Register. All quite tedious really - and it's not free either. (It is proposed to lodge the master plate, from which the seal is made, with the bank for safe keeping. There should be no way that we lose it this time.)

TUKINO GATE KEY

If you perhaps plan to drive up to the head of the Tukino road, and your vehicle has what it takes - good news - no more gate problems. The club has a key to the gate. Ask Mick when you call round to him to collect your gear.

MUAC DEBATE

It seems that events are moving towards the likelyhood of a debate with MUAC in September. Bruce van Brunt will be recruiting a team. (The editor is unavailable for this event.)

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS

There will be a variety of awards at the Christmas party. Specific awards have not been decided yet -suggestions are welcomed. But potential acceptees you have peen warned - you can start working up your acceptance speeches.

MAP ORDERS & HUT PASSES

We have received our latest map order - charge of \$9/map. See Tony. Hut passes continue to be available \$40 each. Alpine and Antarctic calendars can be ordered (allow about \$13.00 each). Get your order into Tony Gates. (We have placed an order for 30 calendars with Hedgehog House. There are still unallocated ones available.)

RULES FOR PHOTO COMPETITION

1. Slides must not have been entered previously.

2. All entries must be related to tramping, skiing or climbing.

3. All slides must have a cross on the bottom left hand corner of the mount for normal viewing (i.e. top right hand corner when loaded in the carousel.

4. There is a limit of 3 slides per person per category and no limit on prints.

Categories:

- 1. Alpine (NZ) Predominately alpine scenery in NZ i.e. above bushline.
- 2. Scenic (NZ) Scenes of natural pictorial interest in NZ hills, coasts etc. Predominately below the snowline.
- 4. Natural History (NZ) NZ flora or fauna.
- 5. Topical (NZ.) People in tramping, climbing, or skiing-related activities in NZ.
- 6. Overseas alpine or scenic related to tramping etc. overseas.
- 7. Overseas people climbers or people met while tramping, climbing overseas.
- Formats: Slides, black and white prints, colour prints. Prints do not need to be mounted.

You will note that this year we have included a separate overseas category. So go through your photos and find something to capture the audience's imagination. Prints may be judged as one group or separated at the judges discretion, depending on numbers.

POISON OPERATIONS - TARARUAS/RUAHINES - UPDATE.

Pursuant to the notes in the last couple of newsletters, there has been a lot of publicity concerning local DOC (and Regional Council) 1080 poison operations. The Animal Health Board wants to limit the likelihood and incidence of bovine TB, which is spread by feral possums. Areas to be covered currently follow the eastern edge of the Rimutakas, Tararuas, Ruahines and Kawekas, in both the DOC estate and private land.

Further inland, large areas of the upper Waiohine and the Mangatera (Lake Colenso) have been treated during autumn 1994. The upper Waingawa is to be similarly blitzed with 1080, with the hope of reducing possum numbers in the sensitive forests there. Steve Bolton informs me that they estimate an over 80% kill rate in the Lake Colenso area. Possum populations will be monitored annually, and similar future poison operations will be carried out as and when required.

All poison operations have been publicly notified, and there are signs at all the huts and public access points.

There is currently debate as to the effects of 1080 on water quality, bird life and the general environment. The experts assure us that, with rainfall residues are quickly rendered harmless.

NOTE RE KAPITI ISLAND BOOKINGS

DOC require a non-refundable booking fee of \$30 for parties of 1-30 people proposing to go to the Island. For a boat load of 15, this obviously \$2/head. If for any reason the trip has to be rescheduled (bad weather etc.) there are two options - either the names booked in the original 15 will need to part with \$2, or the residual of those who are able to make it on the rescheduled trip will be levied to recover the fee.

FOR SALE

Quality firewood. Genuine Australian hardwood, dried, split and delivered. Best available. Price depends on quantity. Contact Andrew Moore Ph. 357-5661. \$80.00 per large trailer load.

A TRAMPERS GUIDE TO THE MANGAHAO CATCHMENT - by our special correspondent and exclusive to PNTMC

North and east of the Mangahao River, there is just one DOC hut – north Mangahao Biv. Muddy track, scrubby bush, deep gorges and no views! Never been there and perhaps never will. Access is over farmland off Kopikopiko Road (Pukehoi Road), in from Mangamaire, five minutes drive south of Pahiatua. Patupiaehe Stream is followed for 10 minutes over farmland, then where it splits at the bush edge, take the southern ridge. If you are lucky and can find the biv., please report it to me! Apparently, it would provide access to some of the lower Mangahao Gorge, and over to the Tokomaru River, but as I said, it is a singularly unattractive area for trampers, and has little to offer. Also, the biv has the dubious distinction of being on the junction of four maps. Forest is mixed Kamahi, with Leatherwood, Supplejack tangles and a general mixture of everything else.

Moving a little further north, up the main Mangahao Gorge, there is more rough untracked country. The gorge is spectacular, but somewhat dangerous and ruined by the hydro scheme. Ngapuketarua Stream, or Weasel Creek, provides reasonable travel along its entire length, with some nice river travel lower down, but no connecting tracks. Off track travel on many ridges is good below the leatherwood. Burn Hut was a bit grotty when I was last there. It is found at the end of the track from the middle dam, which takes approximately two hours to tramp. The track is a wide slice through the leatherwood plateau just up from the hut, then drops steeply down to the Mangahao River, and a difficult side creek - if in flood. It follows the river down around the corner to the dam.

The road to the dams takes you right into the heart of the northern Tararuas without even getting out of your car! A different sort of way to see the hills along a windy bush road past giant man-made environmental disasters. The dams and their lakes do have some strange sort of fascination - a ghostly appeal that leaves you wondering what the valley used to be like? - Tony Gates

TRIP REPORTS

Don't forget (leaders) please get your trip reports in or use your short lived powers to delegate to an unsuspecting team member. How about a letter to the editor perhaps, or some, good gossip, or a poem or what ever.

TRIP REPORTS

HOWLETTS HUT - FOR AN UNPLANNED EXTENDED WEEKEND

Llew had us keen trampers away from Moorcock Base about 9 am, heading into the Ruahines in fine weather. A small amount of snow was evident on the tops. Marvellous vistas were spoken of when reaching our goal as we strided out with hope in our hearts.

Deer were spotted again as we approached the bushline and with the walk through too Daphne Hut for lunch, a pleasant merry time we had. While climbing up the track to Howletts Hut, rain started and increased as we ascended. All the talk of the view vanished in the mist. To call the weather "inclement" would be an understatement.

For the following two days, with constant heavy rain, it was decided to stay in the hut, as the Tukltuki River would be flooded. Bush bashing around to the track was mentioned, considered and discarded. Llew rang out on his cell phone to allay any fears family members might have about our whereabouts.

Having snowed on Sunday night, we hoped the river would have dropped enough to travel down. Arriving at 10 am at the bottom, things did not look too bad. There was more water than I would have liked and it was bloody cold. Various methods of crossing were tried - with a long pole and linked arms felt the most secure.

We wandered very wetly into the carpark in persistent rain at about 1 pm and used the cocky's wool shed to change in. (Thanks mate.)

This is a pretty dry trip report but maybe it's a backlash from all the wet over the weekend.

GORGE WALK - Sunday 12 June

Eleven of us two-footed and two four-footed trampers headed off in uncertain weather to the Gorge. Monica and I inspected the stream before taking the cats through the Gorge and returning to the start of the walkway. We climbed up the creek, up through the Nikau Palms and along the top on vastly improved track. Much of it is now benched though there are still some slippery, muddy scrambles into the occasional creek. As some of the team discovered, four feet are surer than two and certainly faster.

Apart from the occasional view back to Ashhurst through the trees, there are only two view points. We decided on an early lunch at one of these as there was a break in the showers and a panorama of the mist filled gorge below us. As we started to descend on the Woodville side, the rain really set in and a cold wind was scouring the Wairaiapa slde. It was decided to send the faster group on round the Klein Loop led by Monica and "Rosemary", while four of us and "Bohnie" scrambled down the creek and the shorter track back to the cars, a hot cuppa and some dry clothes. The "A" team arrived about half an hour later.

The Gorge makes a good winter walk, being mostly sheltered and there is plenty of time to complete it during reduced daylight hours. Great to see so many enthusiastic new people.

We were: Monica Cantwell, "Rosemary", Margaret Riorden, Candy Wong, Jane and Peter Lawn, Pearl Parker, Ann Spring, Diedre McKenzie, Michelle Dag, Rebecca Sharp, Liz Morison and "Bonnie'.

"BIRD ISLAND" July 3 by Tony Gates

Kapiti Island is a special place. It is both a DOC Nature Reserve and a marine reserve. Access is limited, and by permit only, so visiting the island is keenly sought after.

We were booked to go on Saturday, but disgusting weather prohibited that. Luckily a few of us were available for the Sunday, and luckily too, the weather gods smiled on us. A fine frosty day, with a bit of clag later on, and even some snow falling atop Kapiti (alt. about 500 m)! A very pleasant easy day which we will repeat for sure. Sunshine for most of the day, with views to match, though some typical cloud etc. over the Tararuas.

The birds are amazing! Jumping off the boat (no wet feet these days), the Kaka, Kereru and the Weka were very obvious. Even some Takahe - big and fat. The DOC Ranger gave us a brief talk on these creatures, and some rules of the Island. Then we had some five hours to walk about and enjoy the place. Naturally, most people gravitated upwards, to the trig and lookout on top of the Island. Two tracks go there, making it a pleasant round trip of two to three hours. (The record was 22 minutes - that is 500 m up and down the steep track.) Most of us got to the top, but due to the time of year, bird life was much better lower down. It was extremely pleasant wandering about with the birds on the well mowed grassy trails on the large flat near the Ranger Station.

All too soon we were returning to the mainland, all wishing for the next return trip. Bird watchers were: Sallie, Yvonne, Vera, Pat, Chris, Ann, Tony and Neil.

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