

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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CLUB NIGHT: Thursday 27th June.

At Berry Engineering Works Ltd. Social Room - 7.30 p.m. Mr. Tom Cookson of the N.Z. Forest Service has been invited to speak to us on the work that the Service performs, illustrated with slides. The results of the Forest Service's efforts benefit all of us and this evening will give us a valuable insight into their aims and objectives.

PAST TRIPS

16th MARCH: Leader - Peter Clausen

The attempt on the Tararua Range crossing was unsuccessful due to a mishap to the leader and a crossing wasn't made. However, a few of the 13 members made the top of Mitre, the highest peak in the Tararuas.

The party arrived in Masterton by railcar at 8 p.m. Friday and then by hired van to the end of Waingawa Road; tramped to Mitre Flats Hut via Barra Track arriving just after midnight, having crossed river on a 3-wire bridge - great skill needed for this. Saturday made a climb to Mitre, a steep drag all the way; accident happened to leader on Peggy's Peak, cancelling remainder of crossing so party returned to Mitre Flats Hut. Spent remainder of weekend enjoying perfect weather; hardier ones swam in the Waingawa. Homeward trip Sunday, some travelling by bus, others by railcar. Public transport proved very successful. The only good point about the weekend was the perfect weather.

SOUTHERN CROSSING: June 1 - 2 - 3rd

Arrived At Fields Hut 11.30 Friday night, leaving at 9 the next morning to reach Vosseler for lunch. Then headed for Mt. Hector, paying Kime a short visit en route. After a windy and misty tramp we found ourselves atop Mt. Hector, then a long drag down the tops to Winchcombe Bivy. Enroute we espied two deer but they proved too elusive for the hunters. Denis, Kevin & Roger woke Sunday morning to the sound of running water in the tent - deluge of water had come down overnight. The others had slept in the Bivy. It was a cold, damp trip from the Bivy to Totara Hut via Cone Ridge.

On Monday the party was feeling good and after a hearty feed we had a trip across the river on the Flying Fox. 1½ hours up the stream we found ourselves confronted with a 2 hour climb up the ridge. The party took this in their stride well and on arriving at the Junction welcomed the walk downhill to the Mountain Lodge. Everyone felt quite elated on the completion of the trip and some found they could accomplish things they would never have attempted before. Thanks for the good teamwork by all members of the party which made the trip a successful one. - Roger.

Party: Bill Homes, Keith Potter, Denis Arnott, Lawson Pither, Kevin Pearce, Dick Burgess, Nick Wolf, Roger Clarke.

ROCK CLIMBING: TITAHI BAY: Enjoyed by all who took part; well led by that mountain goat Trevor Arnold of Wellington. The party slept in a cave Saturday night while the tide rose higher up the rock all the time. Sunday was good too, but was a little crowded because of a Wellington Club's trip. A memorable occasion - thank you Trevor.

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PURITY TRIP: Just to put some of you right, this trip did go as planned. A very enjoyable one, although a very hard climb at the start. Had an enjoyable sight at long last, although it was further away than it looked. Kept awake all night by some people playing cards (no names mentioned), taking a lot of abuse also. Rested Sunday before coming out in the afternoon.

Party: R. Clarke, K. Potter, T. Morrison, B. Olsen, W. Boucher.

COMING TRIPS

JUNE 29-30th: As mentioned in the last Newsletter, a very easy weekend into our one-and-only Hut (Rangi herself). This trip is in the form of a work party, but there is not much work to it. Some people will be returning Saturday night and the rest on Sunday. Please do not let us down this time. Ring Wayne Boucher as soon as possible, phone 79.839 after 5.30 p.m.

JULY 14th: Kahuterawa Valley - a bush trip, easy walking in good deerstalking country. Leave 6 A.M. from Izadium; approx. cost 50 cents.

Leader: Russell Johnson.

AUGUST 27-28th: Whakapapaiti - Snowcraft instruction. The accommodation is good. Cost about \$2.00

The following trips have been planned but are not yet finalised:

 a bus trip to Ruapehu for a day in the school holidays,
 a snowcraft weekend at Egmont; we must arrange accommodation before we can announce the date of this one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

"Dear Sir,

 With reference to the Waihothonu Trip Report, I would like to ask who were 'a bad example to the party?' Was it those who 'showed no great physical energy' or those who 'found themselves on top of Ngauruhoe when the sun went down and played Ed Hillarys to get down'??

 The two who made a late retreat from Ngauruhoe have learnt more from that weekend than those in the hut. A good trumper should learn from his mistakes. I have no doubt that the criticism of the two Ed Hillarys came from those who lay in the rat-infested bunks expending no great physical energy. These people should have been at the beach with me that weekend, lazing in the sunshine.

Sgs. Sunburnt Trumper"

"dear Sir,

 In reply to 'Are-we-lazy-Fred's' letter I would like to state the scientific view of the problem.

 Laziness is known to us in the medical profession as a condition of "Thickus hideus". In trampers it affects the rearus posterius so that they can sit down in a hut all day without pain, (last reported in Waiohohonu Hut). On the other hand, the getter-sweater-uppers are found to have "Thinner-rear-skinner", a dreaded disease in which the victim feels he must run up and down hill all day and lie on his back all night. His most common fear is that of brew ups.

“To cure both these conditions I have developed some remarkable methods. Briefly these are:-

1. For the Thickus-hideuses - a good kick where it hurts most;
2. For the Thinner-rear-skinners - rocks placed discreetly in the bottom of the pack.

Respectfully yrs,
Dr. Harvey Wilson.”

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We urge all members, particularly those of you who feel that you could be short of fitness and experience, to join us on the various day trips which we advise in these Newsletters. We shall all be very pleased to see you taking part in the Club's activities and we know that even if you become exhausted by this form of entertainment you will also get a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction on your various attainments.

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c/- Mr. Hubbard ph. 86.722

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