

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of this Club will be held on Thursday 27th March 1969 at 7.30 P.M. in the Staff Room, Berry Engineering Ltd., cnr. Ashley & Ferguson Sts., P.N.

Agenda: Presentation of Financial Statement,
President's Report,
Election of Officers,
Subscriptions,
General Business.

Committee Meeting - Tuesday 25th Match at Lawson Pither's, 7.30 p.m.

Listed below are the financial members as at 28/2/69 - we would like to have a full muster of you all at the A.G.M.

Graham Alltree	33 Fitzroy St., P.N.
Dennis & Campbell Arnott	P.O. Box 14, Rongotea
Glennys Allen	341 College St. P.N.
Ian Barnes	Naenae, Wellington
Wayne Boucher	15 Franklin Ave., P.N.
Mark & Ross Batchelar	P.O. Box 1446, P.N.
Kathleen Baxter	Camerons Line, Feilding
Roger Clarke	43 Ihle St. P.N.
Peter Clausen	145 Salisbury St., Ashhurst
Mrs H. England	New Plymouth
Don Fletcher	8 Erin St. P.N.
Chris Freyberg	Weir House, Wellington
Ron Haxton	45 Ihle St. P.N.
Bill Homes	No. R.D., Bulls
Ian Hoare	49 Burns Ave., P.N.
Mr. & Mrs. V. Jensen	P.O. Box 27, Apiti
Patron: Mr. & Mrs. O. Jensen	11 Haggitt St., Feilding
Russell Johnson	11 Lifford PL. P.N.
Sheryll Kirkpatrick	273Broadway Ave., P.N.
Russ Lacey	104 Monrad St., P.N.
W.E. Lucas	76 Campbell St., P.N.
Ken Mercer	27 Leeds St., P.N.
Tony & Ann Morrison	R.D. 4, P.N.
Karen Matthews	557 Ruahine St., P.N.
Malcolm McCallum	95 Roy St., P.N.
Grant Robert	Kairanga R.D.5
Bill & Ann Olsen	14 Thames St., P.N.
Keith & Lynne Potter	28 Titoki St., P.N.
Lawson Pither	30 Surrey Cres., P.N.
Graeme Pascoe	109 Gillespies Line, P.N.
Kevin Pearce	45 Te Awe Awe St., P.N.
Owen Mills	c/- D.R.I., P.N.
Bill Rogerson	4 Franklin Ave., P.N.
C.J. Robieson	35 Guy Ave., P.N.
R. Scott	Christchurch
Vern & Rhonda Stout	523A Ferguson St., P.N.
Miles Stilwell	28 St. Albans Ave., P.N.
John Saunders	Kairanga R.D.5
J. Stewart	9 Athlone Pl., P.N.
I. Voice	47 Lincoln Tce., P.N.
Bruce Watson	499 Ferguson St., P.N.
R. Wellington	40 Elmira Pl., P.N.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for 1969/70 will be due after the annual General Meeting; - and prompt payment would be appreciated by the Treasurer.

RANGIWAHIA HUT - Tentative Work Plan:-

The club hut urgently requires bracing and tying down. To do this well all iron would need to be stripped from walls and roof. This would be an ideal time to install building paper and make other improvements.

Estimated Cost:	No.8 Wire	Donated
	Building Paper "Sisalation"	\$36.00
	Wire Netting	7.00
	Novalight Roof Panels	18.00
	Tape	Donated
	Paint	5.00
	Spouting	14.00
	Air Transport	20.00
	Wire Rope	Donated

MAP SALES: We now have maps for sale at a reduced price to you only. Tararua - 35 cents; Ruahine - 45 cents. See the Hon. Treasurer for these fantastic bargains.

COMING TRIPS

14-15-16 MARCH: Two trips will be run in the Holdsworth area of the Tararuas, leaving Izadium 6.00 p.m. Friday. Fare \$1.60

Easy Trip - Totara Flats Leader Wayne Boucher ph.79.839

Hard Trip - Totara Flats, Neill Forks, Maungahuka, mid-Waiohine, Holdsworth then Lodge. A trip which will extend the fittest. Leader Tony Morrison ph. 86.397

EASTER TRIP: Night of 3rd to 7th APRIL: LAKE WAIKAREMOANA

A new, well- marked track starts at Onepoto (Wairoa end of Lake Waikaremoana) and follows the lake around to the Hopuruahine Landing on the main road. Tents will be taken as the official time between huts is only four hours. The scenery on this new Lake Track has to be seen to be believed. Items to remember - Sleeping Bag and cover, parka, torch, spare clothing and sox and emergency rations. For those who can find their Bushcraft Manual, a thorough reading of pages 12, 13, 19, 20 and 21 would be most beneficial.

Closing date for names with \$1.00 deposit is 28th March.

Leaders: Peter Clausen Ph. 26.521

Kevin Pearce, messages to 85.616

18-19th APRIL: TRAINS HUT, WAITOTARA:

An easy but longish trip, starting Friday night from the Izadium at 7 p.m.

Leaders: Dennis Moore Ph. 76,752

Dennis Arriott Ph. 102 Rongotea.

4th May: DIGGERS HUT:

Leader says "an easy trip", so come one, come all. Meet at the Izadium 6 A.M.

Leader: Keith Potter 79.499

17 – 18th MAY: MCKINNON HUT:

Fairly tough.

Leader.; Dennis Arnott Ph.102 Rongotea.

PAST TRIPS

RANGIWAHIA - HOWLETTS CROSSING:

Participants – Dennis Arnott, Dennis Moore, Bill Homes, Bill Olsen, Roger Clarke, Keith Potter.

Departed Palmerston: 6.15 Friday night and after a flat tyre, reached Apiti for a 2-hour refreshment stop. The cars were sent home at 9.30 and we set off at a gallop up the track to Rangī. Two hours 15 mins. later we stumbled into bed for a few hours sleep. We awoke next morning at 6 to be greeted by gale force winds, rain and fog. Breakfast was slowly eaten and we were off crawling on our hands and knees at times. Mangahua was reached 1¼ hours later and from here on an easy side track was taken along the tops. Lunch stop was taken early at 12.30 at the approach of the last saddle. Then a stiff climb took us out of the saddle, only to find we had to drop 300' and a long side and back up onto the ridge.

The top of Tiraha was reached at 3.30. Here the mist came down and visibility dropped to 50 feet (until the following day). A compass bearing was taken which was proceeded upon until after a steep descent we came to a creek junction – “a creek junction on top of the main range!” After a loud discussion we decided to proceed straight up the opposite side of the creek. Upon reaching the top a track was found and half an hour later we came upon Howletts Hut.

Next morning was spent in bed, so a late start was made at 11 a.m. down Daphne Spur and centre Tuki Hut was reached at 12.30. Left for cars with the rain coming down steadily and the river up and muddy. This section of the trip took 3½ hours and it didn't stop raining once.

Special thanks to Lawson and Bill for transporting cars, and Denis and Graham for cars.

SCHORMANS TRACK: 2nd March:

Thirteen club members enjoyed a delightful day tramping up Schormans Track to Putara Hut. We had a spectacular view of the Putara Valley and river. The weather was misty, but cleared on arrival at the Hut. Three fit members did the round trip, going up over Hines, Ruapae, Herepai and down again to road end. A good view looking over to Mangahao was obtained on arrival at the top some 10 minutes from the hut.

Participants: Robin Paul, Simon Luxton, Kevin Pearce, Robert Wellington, Owen Mills, Lawson Pither, Grant Robert, John Saunders, Dennis Moore, (leader), Peter Flaus, Keith Potter, Nick Wolf, Malcolm Watson.

Last Club Night: As advised in the last Newsletter, this night was informal, but in spite of the lack of any organised entertainment members proved once again that this type can be very enjoyable. Slides taken on recent trips were shown to the appreciative audience which included four prospective new members.