



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

**NEWSLETTER** 2/78

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1978 at 8.00 p.m. in the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, Palmerston North.

Nomination for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, not less than five Committee Members and the Patron are required and such nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting.

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Confirmation of the minutes of last A.G.M. and matters arising.
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers
- Setting of Subscriptions
- General Business

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COMING EVENTS

ALL TRAMPING TRIPS LEAVE THE SUPERSAVE CAR PARK, FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP PLEASE CONTACT THE LEADER NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE TRIP.

23<sup>rd</sup> February CLUB NIGHT, AUCTION & SLIDES

Do you have any surplus gear you want to get rid of or are you short of anything? The Club will be disposing of unclaimed lost property and surplus equipment by auction and members are invited to sell their own surplus equipment also. Bring along some money in case there are some real bargains!

Following the above commercial activities Peter Darragh, well known for his rugged good looks, will describe what he did during the school holidays. It is understood that Peter and his mates really saw some country.

7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, P.N.

SUPPER DUTIES: John Williams, Peter Hanratty, Graham Hart.

Items for sale include: one heavy duty white spirit stove in good order and complete with instruction manual, 3 air mattresses in reasonable order but lacking bungs, sundry bowls, lost property.

25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February IRON GATES – TRIANGLE (OROUA)

A pleasant river with plenty of swimming places.

Names to: Peter Croad, ph. 69-386  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: \$2.00  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

26<sup>th</sup> February OROUA RIVER

A sunny day has been guaranteed by the leader. So what can I say?

Names to Peter Croad, ph. 69-386  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$2.00  
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March MOKAI PATEA RANGE

Interesting trip in an interesting area, with some practice in 'Bush Bashing' technique thrown in.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, 73-543  
Grading: Fit  
Cost: \$3.00  
Departs: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March HIKURANGI

This is a peak among the high peaks in the Ruahines, and you maybe have the chance to pot the big one (Mangaweka).

Names to: Trevor Bissell, 73-543  
Grading: Fit  
Cost: \$3.00  
Departs: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

7<sup>th</sup> March COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. Tuesday at Heather Crabb's, 3 Clyde Cres., P.N.

11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March KAPAKAPANUI – RENATA

This is a prominent peak in from Waikanae and this is your chance to climb it. There will also be an easy day trip into this area at the same time.

Names to: Peter Croad, ph. 69-386  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: \$2.50 approx.  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March NGAMOKO RANGE

This may be a good chance to learn some navigation and/or see some terrific country.

Names to: John Williams, 84-925  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: \$2.00  
Departs: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

19<sup>th</sup> March DEERFORDS

It has been reported that there is a wide track now in place, so let's go and see it before the 'conservationists'? take it away.

Names to: John Williams, 84-925  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$2.00  
Departs: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

EASTER

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March KAWEKAS

SEE NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS EXCITING AREA.

NOTICES

1. The Thompson family of Rangiwahia is welcomed to the Club as new members. (phone Rangiwahia 814.)
2. A mass exodus of members to the South Island has occurred and a branch of the Club will operate from Keith Margrain's flat, Flat 7, 131 Peterborough Street, Christchurch. Christchurch branch members include Ross Meder, John Carter and Roy Wilson (not to mention Keith.)
3. Available on sale from the Treasurer every club Night:
 

Club badges: limited stocks only	\$2.00
Club song book "Trudge", published by the P.N.T.M.C.	\$1.25
Rock Climbing Guide to Titahi Bay by G. Dingle	\$1.00
Topographical Maps & Route finding – an instructional booklet.	50c
Food for Tramping Trips. 8 pages of recipes & menus	20c
Maps – Tararuas, Ruahines, Tongariro etc.	70c - \$1.50
Land Search & Rescue Manual (1977 edition) orders taken	\$2.00

4. Hire Equipment

The Committee has authorized the purchase of two new ice axes, two billies and a tent fly. The last item was made possible by a generous and unsolicited grant of \$30 from the Eastern & Central Savings Bank. The Committee has also made arrangements for the repair of a number of the old ice axes. The Committee intends to adopt a strong line concerning the hire gear. Gear must be returned on time and undamaged if financial penalties are to be avoided.

Typical prices are: Billies \$6.00, Stoves \$40, tent flies \$30, ice axes \$40 so you can see why the Committee is concerned!

5. We regret to report that Steven Moore met with an accident recently when his bicycle was in collision with a car door. Both the door and Steven's jaw suffered damage – the former being knocked right off and the latter merely broken. We wish Steven a rapid recovery.
6. The Forest Service has recently issued a draft Management Plan for the Tararua Forest Park and is inviting submissions on this plan (closing date 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1978.) Copies may be inspected at the Public Library or purchased at a price of \$5.00 from the Forest Service.
7. Pack for Sale:  
Hallmark "Exodus" pack in almost new condition, \$60. Mrs Brindle, ph. 72-575.

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NOMINATION FORM – P.N.T.M.C.

I (print name)..... hereby  
 Accept nomination for the position of (DELETE THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)  
 Patron/ President/ Vice President/ Secretary/ Treasurer/ Committee Member/  
 Auditor.  
 Proposed by (Legible signature).. ..  
 Seconded by (Legible signature).. ..  
 Signature of nominee.....

PAST EVENTS

PETER'S DAY NORTHERN

He was conscious of his tongue. It felt swollen and it stuck to his mouth. Oh! For some water! He was also conscious of his feet which were burning – blisters were certainly on the way. His ankles felt wobbly and his pulse throbbed in his temples. His chest was wrapped in iron bands and there were sharp stabbing pains in his stomach. His legs ached and felt as if they weighed 243 kg. Each. Peter was having second thoughts. Perhaps a day Northern Crossing of the Tararuas was not such a good idea after all, at least not on a hot summer's day. Still, he couldn't go back, not to face the ridicule, not even if it killed him (which didn't seem all that unlikely.)

Ever so slowly the peaks passed beneath his feet. The Ohau at last! Cool soothing water, lovely water, pure crystal clear water, fluid caressing comforting liquid!

He lay on the smooth warm rocks drying in the sun and completing his "all over" sun tan. He was nearly there. Seven mugs of "Refresh" had been quite regenerating and hardly caused his muscular stomach wall to bulge at all, so rapid was the absorption of water. The trip across the tops – Mitre, Girdlestone, Tarn Ridge, Waiohine Pinnacles, Arete – Pukematewae – was a dream. How effortless it all seemed. The land had been laid out as a map under his feet. How quickly time had passed – the twelve hours were but minutes. Roll on the Trumper's Marathon, perhaps a day S.K.!

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NOTES

1. Nominations need not be made on the official form provided that the required details are supplied together with the relevant signatures.
2. A person may be nominated for more than one office but can be elected to only one office. For example a person may be nominated for both President and committee member.

P.N.T.M.C.  
TRIP SCHEDULE APRIL – MAY, 1978

APRIL

1 <sup>st</sup> -	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Full Ruamahunga	F.E.
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiriwhakapapa	E.
8 <sup>th</sup> -	9 <sup>th</sup>	Te Matawai Girdleston Saddle	F.
8 <sup>th</sup> -	9 <sup>th</sup>	Ohau River	E.
15 <sup>th</sup> -	16 <sup>th</sup>	Diggers Hut	E.
	16 <sup>th</sup>	“ “	E.
22 <sup>nd</sup> -	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Southern Crossing	F.E.
		Tauherenikau	M.
29 <sup>th</sup> -	30 <sup>th</sup>	Ruapehu	M. & E.

MAY

6 <sup>th</sup> -	7 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Climbing Instruction Titahi Bay	E.
13 <sup>th</sup> -	14 <sup>th</sup>	Rangi – Howletts Crossing	F.E.
		Tuki Tuki River	E.
20 <sup>th</sup> -	21 <sup>st</sup>	Coppermine Hut	E.
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Coppermine Wharite (Round Trip)	F.
27 <sup>th</sup> -	28 <sup>th</sup>	Caving Trip	