



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – EASY DAY TRIP – COPPERMINE CREEK

Anyone interested in an easy day trip on Queen's Birthday weekend please contact Heather Crabb, phone 77-668 for details. Date to be arranged.

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

At Trevor's, 28 Carroll St., P.N. at 7.45 p.m. sharp.

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June BANNISTER CROSSING – TARARUAS

An interesting crossing of the Tararua Range. Last year the party took a strange route and met some strange people who had lost their way. Other Bannister crossings have not succeeded in the past but this one will.

Leader: Stephen Moore, phone 81-699  
Grading: Fitness Essential.  
Cost: \$5.00 approx.  
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday night.

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June ROARING STAG LODGE

Stroll up the Mangatainoka River behind Eketahuna and along gentle bush ridges. Fitter people can climb the Cattle Ridge for views of the Tararua mountains.

Names to: Stephen Moore, phone 81-699  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$2.00  
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Saturday.

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June RUAPEHU

Bookings for up to 15 people have been made at Massey Alpine Hut. Fit people can hopefully climb the mountain. Others may enjoy walks to Lake Surprise or Blyth Hut.

Leader: Nick Bishop, phone 70-217  
Gradings: E. and F.  
Cost: \$8.00 (\$5.00 transport and \$1.50 per night at hut).  
Depart: 6.00 p.m. Friday night (some drivers may wish to

leave early to fill petrol tanks as far north as possible).

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June CAVING

Hopefully up to 12 people will be able to go to Waitomo; otherwise if transport arrangements do not permit we will visit caves in the Puketoi Range behind Pahiatua.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, phone 73-543

Equipment: You will require full length wool garments and a boiler suit, torch, old boots (caving is very hard on boots), helmet and carbide lamp (the Caving Club has a limited supply of these so please bring your own if you have them).

Accommodation: Either at the Hamilton Tomo Group Hut at Waitomo or a shearer's quarter's in the Wairarapa.  
Cost: \$10 transport and \$3.00 accommodation if we go to Waitomo.

Depart: \$2.00 transport if we go to the Wairarapa.

Depart: \$6.00 p.m. Friday night for Waitomo, otherwise 7.00 a.m. Saturday morning.

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June MID WINTER RANGI

24<sup>th</sup> June DAY TRIP, MID WINTER RANGI

Come along and help push or persuade some hero to go for a mid winter swim.

Leader: Peter Darragh, Phone Fldg. 5633.  
Cost: \$2.50  
Grading: Easy  
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

28<sup>th</sup> June CLUB NIGHT

30<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July KAITAWA - WAITEWAEWAE

This trip will provide an excellent test of bush navigation skills and will traverse Waitewaewae Peak to Island Forks. The return trip may be via the Waitewaewae and Kaitawa River systems.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, phone 73-543  
Grading: Fitness Essential  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday  
Cost: \$2 00.

30<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July KAITAWA - THOMPSON

Come along for a climb of Mt. Thompson and a fly camp in the Kaitawa Stream.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, phone 73-543  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$2.00  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

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NOTICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs are now due. Treasurer Sarah Godfrey will be pleased to accept your sub either at Club Night or posted to Box, 1217, Palmerston North. Members are advised that this matter is urgent if you want to continue to receive your newsletter.

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NEW MEMBERS

We have pleasure in welcoming into the club:  
Ron and Leonie Coenders, 141 Cook St., P.N. Phone 75-401  
Joanne Ormrod, 122 Ferguson St., P.N. " 75-043.

GEAR AMNESTY

An amnesty has been made on all Club gear hired before April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1979. This is to retrieve missing items, notably a nylon tent, compass, sleeping bag cover, billy bags, billies and lids, fuel bottles, karabiners and a pack. Return of these items will be very much appreciated and any guilt totally forgiven. Would members (particularly those of long standing and Committee members' past and present and those who have done long trips) please check through your gear and see if you have any of these items. Return to Nick Bishop, 7 Tern Place, P.N.

LIBRARY

A selection of material from the Club Library will be brought to Club Nights for viewing. Some of this material will be available on loan from Librarian Nick Bishop, 7 Tern Place, Phone 79-217.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Bon voyage to Dawne Ellis who is now touring England and Europe.  
Viv Mawson will marry Douglas Bridges on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and will live in Buckingham after a trip to New Mexico for 10 to 12 months.

OHAU ACCESS

It is most important for trampers to keep to the poled route across the farmland at Ohau otherwise there is a danger of our losing access to this part of the Tararua. Would trip leaders please see that their parties are kept together and observe this rule.

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EXTRACT FROM F.M.C. NEWSLETTER - MARCH

"PAPAROA RANGE - The Federation has adopted a policy that the Punakaiki / Paparoa Range Area should be preserved in some manner, and that the Paparoa Range itself preferably be left in its present generally undeveloped condition. We are not completely convinced that National Park status would be necessary for preservation of this area, or that this is able to be achieved in the present political climate. .../4

We are, however, in favour of a joint study between Lands Department who would administer a possible Paparoa National Park and Forest Service who at present administer most of the land. We have urged that there should be a moratorium on further timber milling or other exploitation until such a study has been carried out."

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#### PAST EVENTS

##### PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION April 26<sup>th</sup>

A night's enjoyable entertainment was to be had as members showed the tramping and mountaineering activities they felt they had best captured on film. As usual, the greatest competition was in the novice open slide and advanced open slide categories, with little difference in the standard of the two.

Results were as follows:

	<u>Novelty</u>	<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Novice</u>
1.	Philip Beech	Chrissy Elliot	Eric Van Toor
2.	Chrissy Elliot	Nick Bishop	Grant Ramsey
3.	Chrissy Elliot	Nick; Bishop	Ian Chinnery.

Prints were received from only one person, so start taking snapshots in preparation for next year. Thanks to John Cleland for judging.

##### CLUB SEARCH AND RESCUE RADIO COURSE, 10<sup>th</sup> April

The Club supplies the Police with teams for search and rescue. Team members must not only be reasonably competent and fit trampers but must also have some knowledge of S.A.R., including radio. A practical instruction evening was recently held at the Police Station for those new to S.A.R. It dealt with both the operation of the S.A.R. radios and with message handling. Those who took part as pupils were Grant Ramsey, Keith Miller, Chrissy Elliot, Colin Hoare, Don Scott, and John Patterson. Brian Faulkner of the Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. and Kevin Pearce were the organizers.

Further S.A.R. instruction evenings are planned for later this year. If you are interested please contact Kevin Pearce, phone 70-217.

##### UREWERA – LAKE WAIKAREMOANA, EASTER, 1979

We were a bit like the Ten Little Indians, our numbers dropping as various members were lured away by trips to the South Island etc. The survivors were Eric van Toor, Grant Ramsey, Kevin Pearce and Keith Miller who drove to Lake Waikaremoana Thursday night and camped under a full moon in a cool southerly breeze. On Friday we continued west by car through the metropolitan area of Ruatahuna to Ngamuriwai Flat. Donning packs and heading south we reached the Central Waiiau late afternoon after passing a number of parties who were "just" hunting rather than tramping. Cool conditions continued Saturday so we abandoned the idea of attempting the Waiiau Gorge, as recommended by the sadistical Ross Meder who is exiled to Christchurch, and instead took a rather dull route over Te Toatoa to Maraunui Bay camping on the ridge top near the former on Saturday night and on the lake shore Sunday night. The spectacularly placed Panekiri hut was reached in short time on Monday. It is perched high above the lake and offers views of the Mahia Peninsula, Cape Kidnappers and, it is alleged, of Mount Ruapehu. On Tuesday our long suffering President, benefactor of many trampers, (trumpets and violins) arose early, headed out to Onepoto, thence by rural bus to Ruatahuna, eventually and after many delays finally and at last returned with his car to take us home.

Noteworthy features of the trip were the fine, albeit cool weather, the tuneful bird life; the large rimus and other trees and a party member who thought stinging nettle felt nice.

##### WAITEWAEWAE, 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April

The bad forecast and the high level of the rivers caused the Oha?u River trip to become the Waitewaewae track trip. The weather was not as bad as threatened and we enjoyed a dry camp beside the Otaki River on Saturday Night.

Those taking part were Allan Dunn, Brian Dansby, Peter Steadman, Kevin Pearce, Patricia Eder and Julian Dalefield.

#### WORK PARTY, 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL, RANGI HUT

Work seems to have got a bad name. Why is not clear. Doing something useful and constructive is satisfying, boosts self esteem and leads to happiness and health. Work done included digging a new rubbish hole, resiting and stabilizing the little house, repairs to the studs and door frame, construction of a new door latch, renailing of iron, repairs to the seat, construction of a dam to divert flood waters, digging out the porch and restocking firewood, killing a mouse, not to mention general cleaning and sweeping.

Those taking part were: Edna Cook (Saturday only), Kevin Pearce, Philip Budding, Eric Van Toor (weekenders) and Colin Hoare.

#### MANGAHAO – OHAU, 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1979

Seven intrepids took part. We were somewhat late getting away because fairy Godfather's van had oil leak problems and we had to turn back and substitute cars. This meant the drivers had to return to the dam rather than go on to the Pipe Bridge, as originally planned.

We reached Avalanche Flats mid afternoon having been "burned-off" by a day party from another Tramping Club. However, this party didn't make it to Avalanche for reasons unknown. John, Nigel and Stephen continued on to Te Matawai while the rest of us had a restful afternoon at Avalanche Flats. On Sunday part of the party returned to the dam and the other party travelled to the Pipe Bridge via Waipehu.

Those taking part were Kevin Pearce, Stephen Moore, Nigel Bingham, Ian Chinnery, Alister Prentice, Owen Gurr and John Hawkey.

#### NORTH OHAU, 6<sup>th</sup> May

After leaving the cars we soon found ourselves happily sloshing through numerous mud pools on the track to Ohau hut. Blessed with a mild but fine day we made good progress up the Ohau to the forks of the North and South branches.

The North Ohau valley was narrow and rough but relatively easy going with enough obstacles to make for an interesting and challenging trip.

Our return trip was quickly over and we found ourselves back at the cars.

Taking part were David Speller, Barbara McArdle, Leonie Coenders, Tony Craven, Ron Coenders, Gary McKie, Julie Cade, Pauline Thomas, Bud Cade, Sarah Godfrey, Margaret Nix, Robert Bruce, Margaret Matheson, Glen Osborne and Colin Hoare.

P.S. With seven on their first time with the club it is a pity we don't have an initiation procedure.