



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
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NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

ALL TRIPS LEAVE THE "SUPERSAVE" CAR PARK, FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE.

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25th September CLUB NIGHT

We have Barry Scott who is going to give us an illustrated talk on Tramping and Climbing in Peru, 1976.

At the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St., at 7.45 p.m. All welcome.

SUPPER DUTIES: Philip Budding, Owen Gurr, Bruce Guy.

26th – 28th September MT RUAPEHU

Terry is keen to take a small fit climbing party that could go to the Whangaehu side of Mt Ruapehu. Anybody interested, contact Terry Crippen, Phone 63-588.

3rd – 5th October CLIMBING WEEKEND – WHAKAPAPA

Hopefully a pleasant climb up to the NZAC Ruapehu Hut on Friday night. This will mean people will have to be competent with using crampons. There are only 16 places.

Leader: Terry Crippen. ph. 63-588
Grading: Fit.
Cost: \$20 approx.
Depart: 6.00 Friday night.

5th October BLUE RANGE

A really nice rip for those who would enjoy a walk into the Eastern Tararua Range.

Leader: Terry Crippen. ph. 63-588
Grading: All Welcome.
Cost: \$3.30
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

11th – 12th October KAITAWA – WAITEWAEWAE AREA

This is a fit trip with some variety of bush walking.

Leader: Roddy Henderson. ph. 63-588.
Grading: Fit.
Cost: \$3.00.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

9th October COMMITTEE MEETING

At 28 Carroll St., at 7.45 p.m. sharp.

12th October PANATEWAEWAE

A tramp to the Western Tararuas in from Manakau.

Leader: Peter Darragh. ph. 3-5633.
Grading: All welcome.
Cost: \$3.00.
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

16th October THURSDAY CLUB NIGHT

The first of the informal Club nights (see special notice later in this newsletter). Bring along some slides, prints, maps, gear to sell – whatever. Same time and place: Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 college St., 7.45 p.m.

SUPPER DUTIES: Vaughan Crow, Ken and Rosemary Hall.

18th – 19th October BANNISTER

For those extra fit enthusiastic trampers – come and see what excitement Bannister (Eastern Tararua Range) holds for you.

Leader: Peter Wiles. ph. 74-129 ext 805.
Grading: F.E.
Cost: \$3.00.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

19th October ROARING STAG LODGE

A gentle and most pleasant walk through bush to the Roaring Stag Lodge.

Leader: Catherine Farquahr. ph. 64-297.
Cost: \$3.00.
Grading: Medium.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sunday.

24th – 27th October LABOUR WEEKEND – MIDDLE CROSSING TARARUAS

Bring full storm gear and torches for this classic trip.

Leader: Keith Pollock. ph. 67-804.
Grading: Medium.
Cost: \$4.00.
Depart: 6.00 p.m. Friday night.

26th – 27th October MITRE FLATS

Another good trip into the bush for you mild trampers.

Leader: Dianne Stanley. ph. 3633 Pahiatua.
Grading: Easy.
Cost: \$4.00.
Depart: 6.30 a.m. Saturday.

24th – 27th October SOUTH ISLAND

Don French is interested in leading some trips to the South – Medium – fit – to the Nelson Lakes area and an F.E. to the Central part of the Alps. Interested people should contact Don as soon as possible – phone 73-543.

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30th October CLUB NIGHT

NOTICES

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following:

Gillian Stroud, 4 Heatley Ave., P.N. Phone 82-070.
Trevor Lupton, 6 Frederick St., P.N. " 83-291.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Cheryl Sporry, 30 Bourke St., P.N. " 67-789.
Nic Bishop, 33 Dalkeith St., Christchurch 2.
John Carter, 54 Rimu St., Waikanae.
Brad Owen, 394 Albert St., P.N.

CLUB NIGHTS – SPECIAL NOTE

We have decided to have two Club nights per month beginning in October to allow Club members more contact with each other. As before, the last Thursday of the month will be the formal one with special speakers etc.. The additional one, which will be informal, will be on the third to last Thursday of the month. The place (Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms) and the time (7.45 p.m.) will be the same.

The informal Club night will enable more time for chatting to each other, planning trips etc. There will be no special speaker, but bring along slides of any of your trips – a day trip to Rangī, or climbing Everest. Any prints? Any gear you want to sell/buy? A Tararua Biscuit competition. A Tararua Biscuit eating competition. Perhaps some map or first aid instruction. Any ideas? Let a committee member know.

LANDS AND SURVEY MAPS

Start getting organised for the South Island or elsewhere this summer. Any map orders? The Club gets them for \$1.00 instead of \$1.50. Orders to Terry, 63-588, giving map series and sheet number.

MOUNTAINCRAFT MANUAL

Treasurer Don French has for resale at cost \$2.00 each 20 copies of the new Mountaincraft Manual put out by the Mountain Safety Council. Ring Don, 73-543.

CALENDARS

The 1981 NFAC Calendars are now available. This calendar has a cool and tranquil picture of a native forest on it.

Phone Vaughan Crow 268-781.

NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CALENDAR 1981

Active climbers Dave Bamford and John Nankervis have produced a full colour calendar with good alpine scenes plus good photography. Worth getting for presents as well as your own wall – size of photos 280 mm X 220 mm. Cost \$5.00.

Terry has some for sale (phone 63-588) or write, sending \$5 (includes postage) to Alpine Calendars, Box 2264, Wellington.

FOR SALE

One pair of Salewa Crampons size 2, with spanner, very little used, \$55 (new price now over \$65). Also one 11 mm. 40 metre Interalp Kernmantle rope. Moderate use (i.e. no leader falls on rock climbs!!) for 3 years – still in good condition, \$50. Phone Terry, 63-588.

DAY TRIPS

As an experiment to provide day trips to suit a wider range of fitness, from easy to fit, unspecified trips will be advertised in the Newsletter occasionally. The gradings and destinations of these trips will be decided when the names of intending trip members are known.

Newsletter Editor Heather Crabb has returned feeling great after a trip through Europe, Israel and a short stay in Toronto and Los Angeles.

PAST EVENTS

27th July KAPAKAPANUI DAY TRIP

The trip was originally to have been to Renata Hut, but we decided to go up Kapakapanui instead because of the much shorter drive involved. Leaving P.N. Police Station shortly after 6.00 a.m. in the indomitable Davies' Morris van, we arrived at Ngatiawa Road end shortly after 8.00 o'clock, and wasted little time in getting under way.

Unfortunately the weather was less than brilliant, which was a pity since many peaks can be seen from the summit on a good day. This is apparently the reason for its bare top; it was burnt off to allow the trig point to be seen from other peaks for surveying purposes. We kept our fingers crossed whilst climbing steadily through open bush and observing a few rata blossoms. However, at the top at 10 a.m. we were rewarded with a vast expanse of white cloud and a chilly north-east wind, so carried on straight off the other side to the hut, which we reached for lunch before mid-day.

The weather continued drizzly, and after the arrival of four people in bedraggled condition who described the track up as very steep. We descended to Ngatiawa Camp and the short walk back to the car.

Those participating were: Roddy Henderson (leader), Jill Davies, Carol Cullen and Susan Cade.

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17th August HEREPAI – NEW HUT INSPECTION

A few months ago some of us had an abortive attempt to go from Herepai – Ruapae – Haukura in the north-eastern Tararuas, but were turned back by strong winds.. Since then a new NZFS hut has been put in on the Herepai Spur so we thought it needed investigation.

Saturday saw the usual telephone plus visiting effort of declining to go on a Sunday day trip – this method usually enables us to avoid doing much housework for the day. With reports of gale force winds and States of Emergency in the Wairarapa we thought ourselves idiots as we got ready for our 6 a.m. start. Fortunately, Huey was kind and gave us a pleasant combination of light snow plus sunshine all day.

The new hut, bigger than standard NZFS, is worth the visit. There is now a good track up through the leatherwood (turn right at the bog). While four of us headed up onto the open tops two others decided to check out Roaring Stag Lodge instead. After motoring along to East Peak we descended down to Haukura Biv for lunch. After this we took the northern spur into the Ruapae Stream giving us some snow-leatherwood mixture. A short grunt up out of the Ruapae put us back on the track to the Mangatainoka.

The six of us were Kevin Pearce, Peter Wiles, Carol Cullen, Catherine Farquahr, Adele Williams and Terry Crippen.

23rd – 24th August BASIC SNOWCRAFT COURSE – RUAPEHU

Twenty of us headed up to the Massey University Alpine Club Hut on the mountain, to take part in the Club's basic snowcraft course. There were 13 pupils, 5 instructors, and 2 ski bums.

Saturday saw everybody out on the slopes. For eight of the pupils this was their first instruction in snowcraft and they learnt how to walk on the white stuff, cut steps in it, self arrest and do shaft belays. The snow was very hard, at times ice, so much step cutting was done – good practice for the instructors also who usually get out of practice with the common use of crampons at other times.

The five other pupils who had done snowcraft instruction before went out as a separate group and consolidated their knowledge. They had a practical demonstration (on top of them!) of a slab avalanche.

Sunday gave us a practical demonstration of mountain weather. At dawn, orange plumes of snow could be seen coming off Girdleston and Tahurangi summit – indicating strong winds. Later a threatening hogsback appeared on Tahurangi and a spider web like veil of cloud formed on Pare. Within half an hour of these forming the cloud began to build up and soon covered the upper mountain. A couple of hours later the cloud came right down with snow on and off at times after lunch. (Keep an eye out for these and other bad weather signs.)

Anyhow, we had split into three groups for the Sunday. One group headed round the mountain towards Lake Surprise; a low level track but it still had a lot of ice. Another group concentrated on more ice axe and rope work (and plenty of glissading). The third group went to the crater rim and the summit – with again much step cutting. It was the first time above 9,000 ft. for some of the party – good value.

Those instructing were: Terry Crippen, Eric van Toor, Peter Wiles, Peter Darragh, Keith Pollock and Mike Rockell.

Those being instructed were: David and Catherine Speller, Adele Williams, Catherine Farquahr, Roddy Henderson, Colin Hoare, Leone Coenders, Barbara McArdle, Don Scott, Keith Miller, Chris Steffert, Debbie Hunt, Julie Cade and Sekeeta Strastmans.

P.S. The two ski bums have had their names included in the list to save disgrace by being listed separately.

28th August CLUB NIGHT

Robert Bruce gave a well presented talk with slides, to a large crowd, about a trip to Nepal with the Himalayan Trust, the work that is done by the Trust there and a jaunt into the base camp area for climbing Everest. Donations totalling \$20 were given to the Trust.

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KAIMANAWA STATE FOREST PARK (from conservator of Forests Annual Report 1978-79).

Encompassing the Kaimanawa Mountains, east of Mt. Ruapehu, Kaimanawa Forest Park makes an important contribution to a large part of the North Island through its Ngaruroro, Tongariro, Mohaka and Rangitikei River watersheds. While its prospects for hydroelectric power and recreational use may be widely known, few of its visitors, however, will be aware of its significance in Maori history. For example, the picturesque Oamaru Track from the open lower valley of the Oamaru River through beech forest to the red tussock near Boyd Lodge follows the ancient Maori trail from the upper Mohaka to the Ngaruroro River.

Towards the middle of the 17th century, the Ngati Whiti tribe, under the leadership of the Whitikaupeka, had migrated from Mahia Peninsular to the upper Mohaka and settled with their relatives, the Ngati Maruahine tribe, in two pa called Rourahi (or Rounui) and Rouiti near the junction of the Kaipō and Oamaru Rivers. Their neighbours were the two Taupo tribes, Ngati Kurapoto and Ngati Tuwharetoa, whose ancestors were the Arawa people of the Bay of Plenty.

The Ngati Whiti tribe had a kumera cultivation called Paengaroa ('Extensive Cultivation') on the left bank of the Oamaru River about 1.5 km. upstream from the present Oamaru hut. On one occasion, Paretuiri, an old lady belonging to the Taupo people, had been gathering fern root and perei (the edible root of *Gastrodia cunninghamii*) in the vicinity of Paengaroa. As she returned home some of the children belonging to the Ngati Whiti tribe saw the perei on the top of her basket and thought that she had stolen kumera from Paengaroa. They told their parents who, annoyed by the alleged theft, killed Paretuiri.

As soon as the Ngati Kurapoto tribe heard of Paretuiri's death, they sent a messenger to Taupo to inform her Ngati Tuwharetoa relatives. The two Taupo tribes assembled a large war-party under the chiefs Ranginui a Heweri, Tupurtia, Whakarua and Turiroa. At one of the

crossings of the Taharua River, which runs through Poronui Station, they discovered a woman called Hinetekikihi, belonging to the Ngati Whiti tribe, who was questioned and then killed. Where she died a block of pumice was set up and named after her. The war party then attacked and occupied Rourahi and Rouiti pa, driving the Ngati Whiti tribe up the Oamaru River in the direction of Tapui o Maruahine in the vicinity of Boyd Lodge. Whakarua, one of the attacking chiefs, was the first to climb the high peak between the Oamaru River and its tributary the Waitowhero Stream. This place which was called Te Ranga a Whakarua ('The Standing Place of Whakarua') is a trig on the boundary between the Kaimanawa and Kaweka Forest Parks overlooking the Ngaruroro River. The chief Tupuritia was killed in the river below, where the dead of the Ngati Whiti tribe were lying in heaps, and thereafter the northern headwaters of the Ngaruroro River was called Te Wai o Tupuritia ('The water of Tupuritia'). The high country behind Boyd's Rocks was called Tau o Maruahine ('Property Mark of Maruahine') after Whitikaupeka's sister, the ancestors of the Ngati Maruahine tribe.

The Ngati Whiti moved south and settled at Inland Patea in the upper Rangitikei, while Ngati Kurapoto and Ngati Tuwharetoa occupied the country around the headwaters of the Ngaruroro and Mohaka Rivers.

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PLEASE NOTE

Dianne Stanley is arranging a social evening (dine and dance) for the end of the year. She will have to have an idea fairly soon of the numbers attending. No details are available yet but to be sure to be included give your names to Dianne at Club Night.