



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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## **ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

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

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### **24 September – Club Night – An Evening at Mount Aspiring**

Grant Ramsay will give an account of his recent trip to the Wilkin and will be followed by Don French showing slides of an August trip to Mount Aspiring.

At the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street at 7.45p.m.

**SUPPER DUTIES:** Ross Fletcher, Susan Flett, Kevin Pearce.

### **2 – 3 – 4 October – Snowcraft II – Egmont**

See last newsletter for details.

Leader:	Kevin Pearce, 70217
Grading:	Fit
Cost:	\$10.50 with hut fees extra
Departs:	Supersave 6.30 p.m.

### **3 - 4 October - ?**

A trip maybe organised for those with tramping interests at heart.

Contact: Terry Crippen, 63588

### **8 October – Committee Meeting**

Kevin's, 7 Tern Place, 7.45pm. Thursday.

### **10 - 11 October – SAREX "Blue Range"**

Participants: Daryl Rowan, Mike Freeman, Don French, Peter Wiles.

**10 – 11 October – Mid Main Range**

For those not involved in SAR this weekend, brilliant weather has been booked. Gradients will probably not exceed 1 in 1. Possibility is Otaki to Ohau.

Leader: Catherine Farquhar, 64118  
 Grading: Middling – but options open.  
 Cost: \$4.00  
 Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday from Supersave

**15 October – Informal Club Night – Roller Skating**

More dangerous than tramping, but good fun. Try fitting wheels to your feet and see if you can stay upright! Skatewell, Church Street, 7.30 p.m. Thursday. Enquiries to Leonie Coenders, 75401.

**16 – 17 - 18 October – Climbing Open Weekend Whakapapa**

An opportunity to try out some techniques on the Pinnacles or maybe some face climbs.

Leader: Roddy Henderson, 63588  
 Grading: Fit/F.E.  
 Cost: \$10.50 Transport only  
 Departs: Supersave 6.30 p.m.

**18 October**

So you had to do the lawns on Saturday, how about a Sunday tramp.

Contact: Vaughan Crow, 86569

**24 – 25 - 26 October – Labour Weekend – Kaimanawas**

There maybe some snow about to throw. A pleasant untaxing trip for three days into the Waipakihi River area.

Leader: Carol Cullen, 63588  
 Grading: Medium  
 Cost: \$9.50 approx.  
 Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday from Supersave

**25 - 26 October – Waitawaewae**

A pleasant easy walk into the Tararuas from Otaki Forks.

Names to: Peter Darragh, 35633  
 Grading: Easy  
 Cost: \$4.00  
 Departs: 7 a.m. Saturday from Supersave

**29 October – Club Night – Climbing in Europe**

Nigel Barlow will describe various activities in Scotland, Switzerland etc.

Usual time and place.

**31 - 1 November – Contact Daryl Rowan, 67210 for details.****7 - 8 November – Ngauruhoe**

For more details contact Don French, 735430

**14 - 15 November - SAREX "Takapari"**

Details available from Kevin Pearce, 70217.

**CHRISTMAS TRIPS**

Summer holidays are traditionally the time for heading south and undertaking trips of one to two weeks. If you are interested in such activities, contact Vaughan or Kath Crow, 86569. Transport bookings will need to be made very soon, so act now!!

**NOTICES**

1. New member: Patricia Lucas, 22 Akers Road, R.D. 4, phone 25835.

2. **Joint Forests Campaign: Share Certificates** – The F.M.C. are involved in a joint forest campaign to stop logging in the virgin forests of Pueora/Waihaha, Whirinaki and coastal Paparoas. To raise some money, "Native Forests Share Certificates" are being sold to the public. The cost is \$2 per share or \$10 for a book of five shares. The P.N.T.M.C. members should do their share in this joint forest campaign. Members willing to buy or sell shares should see Vaughan at the Club meetings or ring 86569. This will enable a reliable order of share books to be made.

### **DAY TRIP TO COPPERMINE CREEK. – 7 June 1981**

Leaving Supersave Car Park they were off, all seven of them, towards Coppermine Creek, the weather was overcast, and didn't inspire them greatly, but off they went. Arriving at a small grassed carpark after about half a mile of gravel.

With it lightly drizzling, they set off, within 100 m they all had their feet wet due to the creek being up due to recent rain. Pressing on, they wandered up the valley following the creek and foot track, crossing the creek (swollen) numerous times before they reached the track to the right of the main track which leads to the hut. Going up the small bit of a hill, some of the party found it a bit of a grunt, while others cruised up with no apparent problems. Once up at the hut, which was according to the signpost which was back where they left the cars 30 minutes, taking a bit longer than the recommended time, they stopped for five. While some looked round, Nigel looked around for a non-existent log book, which had disappeared some other time.

The hut looked quite acceptable, but once inside we were shocked. With only two mattresses for six bunks, and empty cans of peaches in the Safe, which was empty apart from them. After five, they were off again down the slightly slippery track, down to stream again, which amazingly enough, not one of the party slipped on the way down. Carrying on up stream, they got to the forks and taking the right fork heading for the Cave (mineshaft). Arriving at the Cave, Nigel produced a torch and those interested went in for a look around. Having a decision on whether or not to push on, produced a general consensus of back to the hut for lunch. On their return Kay had the misfortune of chipping her tooth on the downward track back to the hut. At the hut they sat down and checked out their lunches, Nigel producing a cooker and boiling water for soup for him and Julie. Tramping back to the cars after lunch, they all, except one, made it back dryish. Trish decided it wasn't good enough to get just her feet wet, but she had to sit in it.

Once there, the pleasure of dry socks and clothing brought smiles back to everyone. It was still drizzling as they left and headed for home.

Those taking part: Nigel Seebeck, Julie Cade, Malcolm McCathy, Trish Lucas, K. Newland, Chris and Kay Nilson.

### **RANGI HUT REPAIR TRIP – 8 - 9 August**

On Saturday, morning Kathy, Vaughan, Terry, Peter and Kristina left from the car park at about 8.30 a.m. carrying assorted items: 2 sheets of Novarroof, 3 6 foot 4X2's, a coil of No.8 fencing wire, shovel, axe, and other sundry tools. Kristina, a visitor from Finland, gained a strange idea of the things NZ'ers take tramping! Once at the hut, the roof was repaired and the bog restored to an upright position with amazing efficiency(?)! By 5.00 p.m. when the mild windless afternoon changed to a cold windy evening, work was well on the way to completion. After a blustery night, the four left at the hut awoke to a fresh coating of snow. The snow plod party (Peter, Carol, Peter, Jane, Gill and Kevin) arrived about 10 a.m. in time to haul the workers out of bed. The bog door was mended, the hut tidied, and the whole group left about 1.00 p.m. to return to the car park, the trip down as far as the bridge being one continuous snow fight due to the three to four inches of soft fresh snow which had fallen overnight.

### **SKI-TOURING RUAIINES – 29 - 30 August**

Don French and Terry Crippen had two perfect fine days ski-touring from Rangi Hut. With plenty of snow about, we put on our skis at the hut (the snow was down to the farm land on the Saturday).

Saturday, we skinned up to Managhuia and skied in the basin to the west. Sunday we went north to Maungamahue. Don's fitness kept him in front of Terry on the uphill bits. Terry however, falling over slightly less than Don coming down hill, kept in front skiing down (apart from when Don would shoot ahead totally out of control!) snow conditions were not ski field perfect, as it changed repeatedly from crust to drift snow in any area. Going up hill (i.e. with skins and touring bindings) is still hard work, but it sure beats plugging steps in soft snow.

It is totally exhilarating skiing down untouched slopes with no others about, even if our skiing ability is quite backward.