



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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PALMERSTON NORTH
NEWSLETTER
August/September 1983

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ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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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. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP, CONTACT THE PERSON RUNNING THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

COMING EVENTS:

25 August – Club Night – Ashley Gould

Tonight Ashley will be showing some general travel and hiking slides of the Sinai and Judean desert areas and the Samarian Gorge. Come along for a look at some places few of us get to see.

7.45 p.m. Thursday

227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms.

27 - 28 August - Sawtooth Ridge

One of the classic Ruahine trips. Ice axe and crampons a necessity for this one.

Leader: John Barkla, ph 73543

Grading: Fit

Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday.

Cost: Approx .\$.6.00 !

27 - 28 August – Day Trip, Ruahines

Names to: John Barkla, ph 73543

Grading: Easy

Departs: 7 a.m.

Cost: Approx \$5.00

3 - 4 September – Climbing at Whakapapa

We have a hut booking for 12 - 15 people, so be in quick. Those with less experience may be able to team up with the more experienced for some valuable climbing practice.

Names to: Catherine Farquhar, ph 87799

Grading: Fit
Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday
Cost: ?

4 September – Day Trip – Tararuas

A second attempt at Mitre (the last attempt was a wash-out.)

Leader: Catherine Farquhar, ph 87799
Grading: Fit
Departs: 6 a.m.
Cost: Approx \$5.00

8 September – Committee Meeting

To be held at Nanette and Peter Clough's, 10 Union Street, Palmerston North.

10 - 11 September – Ruahines

Waipawa Saddle, Waikamaka Hut, Rangī Saddle, Rangioteatua, Middle Stream. Ice axes essential, crampons at your discretion.

Leader: Peter Wiles, ph 86894
Grading: Fit
Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday
Cost: Approx \$8.00

15 September – Informal Club Night – Annual Debate

Promises to be an excellent evening, although our topic has not yet been finalised. Any suggestions or offers to take part contact Nigel Seebeck, ph 89043.

7.45 p.m. Thursday
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17 - 18 September – Snowcraft 2 – Egmont

This snowcraft will be based at Tahurangi Lodge, hopefully there'll be a bit more snow by then.

Leader: Philip Budding, ph 85936
Grading: Medium/Fit
Departs: 6.45 p.m. Friday
Cost: ?

17 or 18 September – Day Trip

Kiriwhakapapa to Blue Range Hut and Te Mara. The fitter types may wish to carry on to Cow Creek Hut.

Leader: Lorraine Tremain, ph 61769
Grading: Easy-medium
Departs: 7 a.m.

24 - 25 September – Tararuas

Holdsworth, Jumbo, Atiwhakatu: some good tops and river travel.

Names to: Sharon Patterson, ph 73543
Grading: Medium
Departs: 6.45 a.m. Saturday
Cost: Approx \$7.00

29 September – Club Night – Mt Aspiring National Park

With 8 Club members presently in the Aspiring area, we are anticipating some first class slides of their activities. Full details next newsletter.

NOTICES:

MEMBERSHIP LIST ADDITIONS:

Barlow Family	33 Ruamahanga Cresc, P.N.	63267
Dot Brown	Taonui Road, R.D. 5 Feilding	337857
Robert Bruce	Glen Oroua, R.D. 3, P.N.	297858
G.L. Cleaver	106 Gillespies Line, P.N.	82875
Colin Hoare	8 Linton Street, P.N.	80363

Catherine Lord	16 Kauri Street, P.N.	69423
Sue and Lawson Pither	4 Athlone Place, P.N.	73033
Yoko Wakiya	33 Shamrock Street, P.N.	84780

1. **Congratulations** and best wishes are extended to Kathy and Vaughan Crow following the recent birth of their son, Tyne.

2. Kapiti Island trips are being organised for 20 and 27 November. Contact Peter Clough soon if you wish to be included, already members of the Committee have almost filled the first boat.

3. **Cycling Trips**: explore the Manawatu and beyond! From the seat of a bicycle. Day trips depart from the Fisherman's Table corner most weekends. (A 10-speed bike is an advantage.) If interested phone Andrea, 69990.

4. **October/November – Advance warning of Aborta-Contorta practical Conservation Week-end.**

Tongariro National Park is being invaded by Pinus contorta, too small and scrubby to be of practical use to man but large enough to shade out the native ground flora the Park is supposed to protect. For some years the Park Board has relied heavily on voluntary groups to remove this noxious plant, achieving considerable success in eradicating it from the Park, but, like all ecological management, this is a continuing process and the call is out for more voluntary working groups this year.

The Club is planning such a work party for one weekend in October or November, and we hope to achieve a good turn-out to be more effective. Unlike in previous years, the cost of transport to and from the Park will be covered entirely by the Park Board, which also provides all the slashers, loppers, saws etc. needed for the exercise. All we need to provide is food willing to spend a little time and effort in the open air in congenial company to make a practical contribution to the conservation of the Park. So for all those who have been to and enjoyed T.N.P., and all those espousing the cause of nature conservation, here's your chance to put your muscles where your mouth is! More details later.

5. **Giant Man 5000**: Anyone interested in training for/taking part in this event to be held this year on Saturday 8 October, please contact Tony Gates, ph 64019.

ACCOUNTS OF PAST TRIPS:

Bushcraft Weekend – 11 + 12 June 1983

Saturday morning, 7.15 a.m. precipitating rain farewelled our party as we headed towards Kiriwhakapapa in the Blue Range, N.E. Tararuas.

After basic instruction in the use of map and compass, we wound our way around the trees, and through the bog upwards to Te Mara, where our first navigation exercise was rewarded by nourishment.

From there, we descended to the river - most views being obscured by trees, fog, and rain. The Party Leader continued his bushcraft instruction, wisely pointing out the disadvantages of forgetting ones sleeping baggage!!! Luckily it was a warm night.

Sunday - continuing education involved river-crossing, and cliff-scaling; then map and compass to the fore as we bashed the bushes (or, more truthfully the bushes bashed us!), in our ascent near Donald's Stream upwards, then horizontally arriving at the true Te Mara. We returned to the car park via N.Z.F.S. track, somewhat relieved to have survived.

Many thanks to Peter Wiles, for his invaluable instruction.

Party Members: Louise, Catherine, Jim, Hugh and Mike.

2 - 3 July – Snowcraft – Mount Ruapehu

A group of 20 club members left Palmerston North on Friday night for a cold and icy trip up to the Massey Alpine Club Hut at Turoa, arriving there without mishap. Saturday dawned cloudy but not windy, allowing us to climb above the second chairlift to a sheltered gully, where we spent time practising step cutting, self-arresting and moving around on the ice. The cloud cleared by lunchtime, after which we familiarised ourselves with roping together and ice-axe belays, picking out snow and ice-climbing routes on which to practise these techniques. Later in the afternoon, some tried more complex rock and ice routes and abseiling down again, before returning to the M.U.A.C. Hut for an evening of eating and singing to Colin's guitar accompaniment.

Hopes were high of climbing to the summit on Sunday and getting in some more valuable practice, but during the night the cloud packed in and a strong, cold south-westerly wind developed, making the prospect of venturing out totally uninviting. So the morning was spent in the hut, tying knots and dangling from the ceiling while prusicking. We left the hut shortly after lunchtime and, apart from bumping into a Park ranger on the way down, had an uneventful trip back.

We were: Instructors: Barry Scott, Philip Budding, Catherine Farquhar, Daryl Rowan, Nigel Seebeck, Peter Wiles. Others: Jane Binnie, Julie Cade, Peter and Nanette Clough, Damienne and Patricia Eder, Craig Halford, Linda Herdmen, Colin Hoare, Michelle Hobday, Wayne McPherson, Daryn Scott, Brenton Shepherd and Andrew Peart.

Egmont – From the West – 16 – 17 July

After a Midnight exploration of some of the lesser known low level (sealed) routes, we pitched camp at the road end. Morning found us lolling about under 'canvas', in fine alpine tradition listening to the rain. However, after a couple of hours of this most had had enough, so Don, Cass and I trudged up the bush track. Ideas of camping in the crater were far away by the time we reached Kahui Hut. The pot-bellied stove and coal supply were put to good use drying bodies and clothes, and we settled in for a gruelling session of pit-bashing.

Sunday dawned relatively quietly, there was a bit of a 'breeze' about but the rain had finally stopped. We all set off up the summit route, Catherine and John went off for a wander on the lower slopes, they felt they needed some practise in floundering up freezing cold streams and bush-bashing, not being quite so inclined, the rest of us moved off uphill and left them to it.

By now Don and I were regretting our earlier off hand comments of "may as well take it all up, need to get fit!" We slowly zigzagged our way up the western slopes juggling positions in an effort to get each other to plug the steps. The mists cleared infrequently to reveal dramatic ice, rock and snow scenes. The formations on the surrounding bluffs loomed impressively as we approached the summit area. During a five minute – let's try and fix our position a little more accurately – stop, the mist suddenly rose, revealing the whole western side of the mountain. We made the most of this interlude and quickly traversed around into the crater and on to the summit. By this time we were all too far gone, with the effort of hauling up twice as much gear as we needed to have any energy or time left to use it.

The soft snow on the lower slopes made for a fast descent and we eventually caught up with Catherine and John (drying out) at Kahui Hut. The track out seemed much more pleasant without the rain, and apart from one brief car pushing stint the return drive flashed by as we occupied ourselves with the intricacies of twenty questions and I-spy.

Many thanks to Daryl Rowan for letting us use his car. We were: John Barkla, Heather (Cass) Clay, Catherine Farquhar, Mike Freeman and Don French.

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