



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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PALMERSTON NORTH
NEWSLETTER
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ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE NO FRILLS 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 LEADER OF THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

COMING EVENTS:

28 February – Formal Club Night

Come along and see F.M.C. slides covering the Hooker/Landsborough valleys.
7.45 p.m. Thursday
227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms. All welcome.

2 March – Tararua day trip: Mangahao-Herepai

Crossing via Ngapuketurua and Ruapae, if transport can be arranged. (Otherwise it will be a bush, stream, 'navigation necessary' type trip in the Ohau or Otaki region).

Leader: Kirsten Simonsen, ph 73543
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7 a.m.

2 - 3 March – Weekend trip to Tararuas

Mangahuka via the Tararua Peaks. An excellent opportunity to travel over this section of the Tararua Main Range.

Leader: Rager Redmayne, ph Halcombe 746
Grade: Medium - Fit
Departs: Saturday 6 a.m.

3 March – Rockclimbing day trip to Titahi Bay

An opportunity to try this activity before the cooler weather sets in. Beginners welcome.

Leader: Philip Budding, ph 85936
Grade: All
Departs: Sunday

7 March – Committee Meeting

To be held at 83 Linton Street at 7.45 p.m. SHARP. Any member is welcome to attend.

9 March – Tararuas Tokomaru Crossing

This trip involves a mixture of stream and bush travel (with a compass!).

Leaders: Linda and Daryl, ph 64655
Grade: Fit
Departs: Saturday 6 a.m.

9 March – Rock Climbing at Egmont

An opportunity to rock climb in the Taurangi area of Mt Egmont. A good follow up for those that became enthused last weekend at Titahi Bay. Phone Philip (79093) or Nigel (89043) for more details.

11 March – S.A.R. A.G.M.

This will be held at the Palmerston North Police Station at 8 p.m.

14 March – Informal Club Night

A number of Club members are 'into caving'. If you'd like to learn how these caving eccentrics spend their time, come along and see Nigel's Nettlebed slides. All welcome.

7.45 p.m. Thursday
227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms

16 March – Ruahines, Ngamoko Range

An easy day trip to any area close by, both bush and tops travel.

Leader: Damien Eder, ph 71785
Grade: Easy
Departs: 8 a.m. Saturday

17 March - ½ day Run/Walk over North Range Road

Described as a 'run or walk', approximately 16 km over gently undulating terrain.'

Leader: Mike Freeman (Phone Trevor on 73543)
Grade: All
Departs: Negotiable

23 - 24 March – Tararuas, Holdsworth area

There is lots of scope in this popular tramping area.

Leader: Doug Strachan
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7.30

24 March – Ruahine or Tararua Day Trip

Venue is negotiable at this stage.

Leader: Catherine Farquhar, ph 80363
Grade: Medium
Departs: Sunday 7.50 a.m.

28 March – Formal Club Night, A.G.M.

Notice is hereby given that the A.G.M. of the P.N.T.M.C. will be held on Thursday 28th March 1985 commencing at 7.45 p.m. in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, Palmerston North.

Nominations for the positions of Patron, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and not less than five committee members are required and nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting. Nomination forms are provided at the end of this newsletter.

NOTICES:

For Sale: Fairydawn Everest V Tube Sleeping Bag \$240 O.N.O.
Alp Sports Parka, large \$50 o.n.o
Phone Terry Crippen 63588

Accommodation wanted: Student requires position in flat \$30 Max. Prefer central area. Phone Karen 71785

Easter: Is around the corner – 5,6,7,8 April – any ideas for trips? So far interest has been expressed in:

- a trip to Mt Earnslaw (See Mike Freeman)
- a Kaimanawa trip (phone Kirsten 73543)

Pinus Contorta weekend work party to Tongariro National Park. Will be organised for one weekend Mid or late March, full details next newsletter. Looking for volunteers to help weed the mountain.

PAST TRIPS:

The Tasman Wilderness – 18 - 25 December

Party: John Barkla, Mike Freeman, Kevin Pearce

The Tasman Wilderness is in the North West Nelson State Forest Park just north of the Karamea River. Our plan was to enter the Cobb Valley and traverse the Domett Range to Lake Aorere.

Our first obstacle was a mud slide blocking the road to the Cobb Reservoir. Kevin's excuse was that he had to drive the car! That surmounted, we made our way up and into the Cobb Valley, which was still showing signs of recent wet weather, e.g. lakeside barbeque and picnic tables in 50 cm. of water.

After the usual pre-trip mug shots, we set off up the 'Cobb Valley swamp'. Our equipment was pretty standard except for a fully automated pop-up toaster, (Sorry, camera). Our individual choices of footwear were made on the premise that the whole party had to be able to cope with all possibilities, i.e. Tramping boots for the valleys and easy tops, friction/gum boots for the rock routes and rigid leather climbing boots for any snow and ice.

At the head of the Cobb Valley, the palatial Fenella Hut had been transformed into the local commune, so we moved on and put up our first camp on the slopes of Mt Gibbs.

After a quick delicious breakfast of pre-soaked toasted museli (recipe supplied free with a stamped S.A. envelope), we had an entertaining hour or so of cooking macaroni.

We slowly traversed Aorere Peak, taking in some great views of the Anatoki Range and Island Lake. T'was not long after this that we realized that our speedy flight over the Domett Range might take a little longer than anticipated.

My memories of the next few days are still vivid – images of John and Kevin disappearing over the tops of vertical bluffs leaving no clue as to how I was supposed to follow – acute vertigo attacks as we tried to descend the other side! After two days it was safe to bring the camera back, out of the pack. Mt Domett was finally getting bigger as we plunged through the Spaniards down to Aorere Saddle and onto the shores of Lake Aorere.

A campsite was found near the lake outlet, complete with resident kleptomaniac Kea.

Our return route was down the Roaring Lion River and up to an unnamed peak south of Mt Gibbs. After a very brief exhibition of alpine swimming we sauntered back down to Fenella Hut.

John and Kevin fell for my story about a sore tendon and I was allowed to take a short-cut back down the valley. The leaders carried on to the Lockett Range and I returned to base camp to lick my wounds. The following day was declared a rest day and time swept past as we searched for Trilobites and tried to identify the local flora and fauna.

M.C.F.

Ruahines – 10 February 1985

Day trip to Wakarara – Sunrise Hut – Waipawa Saddle – Waipawa River circuit.

Ross Fletcher, Eric Van Toor, Don McKellar, Catherine Farquhar, and Doug Strachan enjoyed the above trip in good weather conditions. Much potential for weekend circuit trips in this area.

P.N.T.M.C. NOMINATION FORM

I, (print name) HEREBY ACCEPT _____ HEREBY ACCEPT

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT / VICE-PRESIDENT / TREASURER /
SECRETARY / COMMITTEE MEMBER (delete those not applicable).

Signature _____ Proposed by _____

Seconded by _____

Note: Nominee, proposer and seconder must all be club Members.