



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 FOODTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WANT TO GO ON A TRIP, PLEASE 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.

Members are reminded that a charge for transport will be collected on the day of the trip, the amount depending on the distance traveled and vehicles used. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance.

COMING EVENTS:

Thursday 25 June – Club Night – Nelson Lakes National Park

Trevor Bissell will give an illustrated talk on the Club's last Christmas trip, from Lewis Pass to Lake Rotoroa in the Nelson Lakes National Park.

Time: 7.45 p.m.
Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College St, P.N.

27-28 June – Smith Stream, Mid Ruahine Range

A mix of interesting country lies behind the Hinerua Road end, with a chance to climb high onto Rangioteatua. Ice axes may be required.

Leader: John Barkla tel 65844
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7 a.m.

Thursday 2 July – Committee Meeting

All members are very welcome to attend.

Time: 7.45 p.m.
Place: 75a Geraldine Crescent, Palmerston North

4-5 July – Wharite – Southern Ruahine Range

An easy day trip is planned north along the range from Wharite. Plenty of scope for more strenuous trips also.

Leader: Patricia Eder tel 70122
 Grade: Easy
 Departs: 7.30 a.m. Saturday

Anyone interested in a medium plus trip please contact Linda 64655

11-12 July - Introduction to Snowcraft

This course is designed to introduce interested trampers to moving on snow & simple snowcraft techniques for those keen on alpine tramping. The course will be run from Rangipo Hut, Mount Ruapehu.

Leaders: Daryl or Linda Rowan tel 64655
 Grade: Medium – Fit
 Departs: 6 p.m. Friday night

12 July – Mangaweka Peak, Western Ruahine Range

We are assured of spectacular views from the top! This trip will go up via Wooden Peg and Iron Peg.

Leader: Chris Morton tel 77497
 Grade: Easy - Medium
 Departs: Sunday 7.30 a.m.

Thursday 16 July – Club Night

Dave Barker will give an illustrated talk on a recent trip to the South Island which included a successful climb of Mount Sefton.

Time: 7.45 p.m.
 Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College St, P.N.

18-19 July - Rangiwahia Hut, Western Ruahine Range

For those who missed out on the mid-winter trip to Rangī, here is another opportunity. Chances are you may find some snow. This is an ideal chance for parents to take youngsters for an overnight trip or up and back in a day.

Leader: Patricia Eder tel 70122
 Grade: Easy (scope for others)
 Departs: Saturday 7.30 a.m.

25-26 July – Basic Snowcraft

The second in the series. Skills learnt in the first snowcraft course will be called upon and taken further. Rope work, belays and other techniques will be taught. Based at Blyth Hut, Mount Ruapehu.

Leader: John Barkla tel 65844
 Grade: Medium - Fit
 Departs: Friday 6 p.m.

26 July – Ohau to Waiopēhu Hut, Tararua Range

A day trip heading up from Ohau up onto Waiopēhu Ridge to the hut. If there is time those with plenty of energy can continue up to the tops.

Leader: Sheena Taylor tel 76665
 Grade: Easy
 Departs: Saturday 8 a.m.

Thursday 30 July – Club Night

Ex Club member Don French finds time between a busy overseas schedule to speak about some of his mountaineering experiences. Titled 'Mountains of Wine and Cheese', this talk will be a highlight of the Club's calendar.

Time: 7.45 p.m.
 Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College St, P.N.

FUTURE TRIPS

14-15 August – Advanced Snowcraft Course

OTHER TRIPS

It may be that you feel the P.N.T.M.C trip schedule isn't catering for your style/speed of tramping or you may have an area that you particularly want to go to but have not seen any trips there. If this is the case please give Linda Rowan (ph 64655 evenings) a call and we will see what we can arrange.

NOTICES

1/ **New Members**: We welcome the following new members to the Club -

Janet Baird 24a Buick Crescent
 Bob Barrell 64 Mulgrave Street, Ashhurst
 Ruth Knowles 71 Heretaunga Street
 Alan Mountfort 51 Lyndhurst Street

2/ **For Sale**

Hallmark Challenger Travel Pack. Converts to a suitcase when required.
 Excellent condition. \$150 ono. Contact Marilyn Barnard Ph 65-844

3/ **Last Newsletter**

If you have not paid your subscription for 1987/88 this will be your last newsletter.

4/ **Photographic Competition Results**

Slides

Landscape	1 st	Damienne Eder	Mt. Owen
	2 nd	Trevor Bissell	St. Arnaud Range Towards L. Rotoiti
	3 rd	John Barkla	Anna Glacier

Topical	1 st	John Barkla	Tunupo Tent Camp
	2 nd	Liz Morrison	Untitled
	3 rd	John Barkla	Hot Relief

Natural History	1 st	John Barkla	Shag Drying Out
	2 nd	Peter Clough	Ruahines Fungi
	3 rd	Trishia Eder	Spaniard

Prints

Landscape	1 st	Graham Peters	Sunset
	2 nd	Liz Morrison	Avalanche Debris
	3 rd	John Barkla	Ngamoko Range

Topical	1 st	Liz Morrison	This Is Easy
	2 nd	Liz Morrison	I Would Have Taken More Gear

Natural History	1 st	John Barkla	Tararua Bush
	2 nd	Liz Morrison	Just Below The Bushline

5/ **Gear Hire**

P.N.T.M.C has tent flies, tents, ice axes and other items available for hire to Club members and outside groups at a minimal cost. The Gear Custodian is Daryl Rowan. Anyone requiring gear can contact Daryl on 64655 evenings – just remember to plan ahead as you must make the time available to pick up the gear yourself.

TRIP REPORTS**23-24 May – Egmont National Park**

Brrr Brrr, Brrr Brrr,
 This is your early morn wake-up call,
 Feet on the floor, get on the ball.
 Bracing breaky - food to pack,
 Notify someone when expected back.
 Meeting the others at Foodtown Park,
 The town sleeps, it's still dark.
 Gee Trev, I'm not always late:

Sometimes but sometimes I have to wait!
 Our leader's arrived in the Pip of time,
 Introductions all round, oh gosh we are nine.
 Wayne we drop at Wanganui, on our way to Taranaki
 Strangers at first-whose in our group?
 What a mix: Can Pip make it gel?
 From thermos tea to flatbread and soup,
 She spares no effort to ensure it goes well.
 We acquire a mammoth, Simone by name,
 To jolly the young un's and keep them game.
 She's joined by Warwick, a six foot sheep dog,
 Together they keep our minds off the bog.
 Boy what a mess and what a stink,
 When one by one up to our thighs we sink:
 Just occasionally a daring diversion-
 By Tarzan with the disappearing socks,
 Out on another of his vine excursions,
 Thank goodness the last flight wasn't over rocks!
 Six hours on, the Waiaua Gorge, we spot.
 Rewards aplenty-supreme Mountain views,
 Incentive to make the hut and get hot,
 Makes scaling the ladder almost O-K news.

Our doc on call, is on the ball,
 Padding blisters to prevent pain.
 Was it the cards that taught her Patience,
 To treat Patients on how was the skill gained?
 Firewood collected, cooking done.
 We dine in style on lentil and bacon.
 Candlelight enhances the sumptuous cuisine.
 Even dessert, custard and cream.
 Struth Ruth, take care what you say,
 Or you'll be cooking the porridge next day.
 Gosh Phil, really to confuse black and bellbird,
 Whiteheads are not seen but heard,
 But to nod to sleep right after your meal,
 How do you think that makes the cooks feel?
 Outsmarting dumb possums is the challenge,
 The young men apply themselves with glee.
 Will it be Sherlock Holmes or a Japanese soldier,
 That allows them to go free?
 Lights out in the loft, no talking please,
 We need to recoup our energy.
 Abruptly up in the morn,
 To the tune of a chainsaw call.
 Chores done – off we go,
 We want to detour to Brames Fall.
 Pip mentions her mammoth Simone,
 And the boys let out another groan.
 Strangers once, but friends now.
 Together what fun we've had,
 That I chose to go on this tramp,
 I really, really am glad.

We were: Pip Somerville, Ruth Knowles, Phil Clerke, Erin and Ewan Eggleston, Corrine, Warwick and Lorraine Bray.

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Now the writer of this poem fine,
 Must not escape without a line.

She made us green with her intent,
To visit the African continent.
And furthermore, to reach for the sky,
By climbing Kilimanjaro high.
And after this tramp she's sure to know,
That Egmont is 'eight - two - six - o'