

P.N. TPAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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In this issue of the Club Newsletter I would like to outline the future of this Club – firstly the dangers facing us and then proposed activity as I see it.

The future of the Club depends on the keenness of its members and it is particularly important that membership should contain a very large percentage of active members giving every encouragement to get off the old worn tracks and the same old huts, to learn bushcraft and mountaineering and then pass this skill to members in the future. If we can do this we will have one of the finest Clubs in the country, so let's all make a real effort because only with your keenness can we achieve this goal.

Future Activity: I would recommend that you read two books by John Pascoe – “Unclimbed New Zealand” and “Land Uplifted High”. These are in the Public Library and express much better and more fully than I can the ways of a trampler and mountaineer.

I would propose that we get off the beaten track on many of our weekend trips, to visit some of the areas in our Ranges so seldom tramped on such places at the Hawkes Bay Ridge, the Northern Plateau in the Ruahines, the Central and Northern Kaimanawas, The Western Kawekas and perhaps parts of Tongariro National Park and many other places.

That we interest our members in botany, geology and rare native birds and many other fields that should be Club interests.

That we endeavour as far as possible to encourage mountaineering and climbing during the winter months, and to secure good instructors in aspects of Alpine techniques.

That we draw up a list of trips and insert same in the “Tribune” about every two months.

--- Russ Lacey,
President.

TRIP LOG: We have a Trip Log in which we hope to record all Club trips. The Leader of each trip lists the names of members and prospective members present and write a short account of the trip. Brian Abraham has offered to look after the log for the first twelve months so please pass your trip account to him.

TARARUA FOREST PARK: This Park is administered by N.Z. Forest Service and has an Advisory Committee on which Tramping Clubs have a representative. The Chairman is Mr. Wells, Conservator of Forests, P.N., and all clubs owe Mr. Wells a debt of gratitude for much assistance and encouragement, both in the Tararua Park and other tramping areas.

During the year it is hoped to have a Forestry bridge over the Lower Otaki and in 1966-67 to have the Mangahao bridge over at Rimu Flats.

The Advisory Committee has expressed some concern over vandalism in Forestry huts and reports of damage should be reported immediately to N.Z. Forest Service. The Forestry Huts are readily made available to members when they are not being used by cullers, so remember any abuse of these priviledges could lose to Tramping Clubs the use of these huts.

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MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Club subscriptions are £1 for Senior Members, 10/- for Junior Members (at school) and 30/- for married couples.

We remind you that these are now due and that we cannot afford to send more than two Newsletters to unfinancial members.

Intending members must do two Club trips before applying for membership. We extend a very warm welcome to those members who have joined since the last Newsletter was sent out.

All queries, subs. or correspondence should be sent to our Secretary, Mrs. Ann Morrison, whose 'phone number is 86.397 and whose address is R.D. 4, Palm. Nth.

COMING TRIPS:

March 5 - 6th: Leon Kinvig Hut, Ruahines.
Leader is Vern Jensen, but intending trippers contact
Ann Morrison, 86.397 by March 3rd.

Sunday March 20th: Tokomaru.

EASTER 8 - 11th April: Kaweka Ranges.

Sunday April 24th: Quartz Creek, Tiritea.

May 8 - 9th: Desert Road, Kaimananawa Range.

Sunday May 22nd: Coppermines Ruahine Range.

June 4 - 5 - 6th: Purity - Hawkes Bay Ridge.

Sunday June 19th: Ohau - Gable End Ridge.

Would all members make a note of the following telephone numbers to ring when parties are known to be overdue.

1st call: Vern Stout 79.139
2nd Call: Tony Morrison 86.397

SOCIAL MEETINGS These will be held on the last Thursday in each month at Trevor Arnold's, 568 Featherston Street. Bring a friend to our next meeting or Club trip.

Remember, for information about the Club ring:-

President - A.R. Lacey, 81.436

Secretary - Ann Morrison 86.391 or write

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