

## P. N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER No. 3

APRIL 1966

CLUB NIGHT: On the last Thursday of the month, April 28th.

At Trevor Arnold's, 568 Featherston St,  
At 8p.m.

Bring any slides you have on past Club trips.

Supper: Following a decision at last Club night, members will take turns in supplying and making supper, etc. Russ Lacey and Graham Newson will be your hosts in April.

SUBSCRIPTIONS – are now due. £1 senior, £1.10.0 married couples, 10/- junior (still at school).

COMMITTEE: Members of the committee are

President: A.R. LACEY

B. Abraham

Secretary: Mrs. A. MORRISON

T. Arnold

Treasurer: T. MORRISON

V Stout

G Newson

Sue Roberts

R. Clarke

INVITATION: The Levin-Waiopahu Tramping Club invites members to their "Hard Up" Dance on Saturday April 30th in their Club Rooms, Power Street, Levin.

CHRISTMAS TRIP: Are you interested in a Christmas Trip in the South Island? Approximately 12 days from Boxing Day. Please contact Russ Lacey 81.436 as soon as possible so we can make bookings etc.

### COMING TRIPS

April 23 – 24 – 25: Family trip to Waipakahi Valley on Eastern side of Desert Road. An easy trip with tramping for the keen types, good swimming and fishing. Have you a tent or transport? Departs 6 a.m. Saturday 23rd from Post Office. Cost app. 12/6. Ring Tony Morrison 86.397 for further information.

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>: WHARITE PEAK, Ruahine Range. Easy day trip, leaving 6 a.m. Ring Roger Clark 76.719

Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>: COPPERMINE CREEK, Easy day trip to the site of old copper mine near Woodville, leaving 6 a.m.

Ring Graham Newson 80.628.

June 4 – 5 – 6th: MANGAPURAU between Raetihi and Wanganui River.

Bush country, good tramping, tenting three days, historical interest.

Leader Vern Jensen, ring Suzanne Johnstone, 77.118

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### PAST TRIPS

APRIL 16 -17th saw an enthusiastic party of Club members camping on the Ngamoko Range above Knight's Ridge in beautiful weather. A terrific time was had by all.

#### Easter in the Kaimanawas.

After calling on Mr Roberts at Owhaoko station and collecting the Golden Hills Hut Book and some rain gauge charts etc., the party headed off around the eastern side of the Ngamatea swamp. Most of the party headed towards the river along the horse track to the old log cabin, while one good keen man headed on the shorter horse track to Golden Hills.

The party headed up the Taruarau River, pausing for a swim on the way up. After some confusion at the gorge most of us scrambled over a heavily manuka covered ridge and after crossing several creeks darkness overtook us. Pressing on by torchlight we reached the head of the river. Vern and Chris moved ahead of the party, soon reaching the hut and we arrived to a very welcome brew. Several members slept out under the stars being lulled asleep by the calls of the morepork and the shrill call of the Kiwi.

On Saturday the party crossed a bush saddle to look into the head of the Ngaruroro River and towards Boyd Hut we could see the towering rocky point of Boyds Rock or Tapuiomaruahine. After moving eastwards along a tussock ridge we again circled, frightening up several deer on our way down off the tops, and soon reached the saddle and Golden Hills for an easy day.

Sunday the party headed towards the Kaimanawa Hut for a very enjoyable day's tramping, the round trip taking between five and six hours. On Monday we returned down the river to our transport and home via Taihape.

A really interesting weekend with some unusual happenings. One member becoming separated from the party decided to camp alongside the track and awoke as the party came along in the dark. He made a very hurried exit from his sleeping bag to avoid being trodden on! Venison stew to be remembered by all, a roaring camp fire and a sing-song on a very frosty night.

The multitude of native birds and their calls - those heard or seen were Grey Warblers, Tuis, Bellbirds, Rifleman, Nth. Is. Pied Tits, Pipits, Bush Hawks and the shrill cries of the Kiwi at night. Of interest to the botanically minded were very many sub-alpine and tussock plants, namely the Spaniard, Red Tussock, several whipcord, Hebes, Celmesias, Ourisias and the Mountain Beech on which we found several mistletoe plants. A terrific weekend enjoyed by 11 members.

TRANSPORT: Transport is a very essential part of our Club activity and we are very dependent on and grateful to those people who make their cars available for trips. It is important that this problem of transport is not left to the same few persons each trip, and it should be the duty of all members that can provide some transport to do so - DON'T just pick out the trips you like. Remember we all must miss one or two trips at least so we depend on you. This applies on day trips also.

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FOR PARTIES OVERDUE RING.

Tony Morrison 86.397  
Vern Stout 79.139

BRING A FRIEND TO OUR NEXT CLUB NIGHT - ACTIVE PARTICIPATION  
IN THIS CLUB IS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE OUR FUTURE.