

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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PHOTO COMPETITION: Hope you are all busy with the cameras for our Photo Contest at the end of the year. A reminder of subjects for this: -

<u>Colour</u> -	Landscape, Flora & Fauna Human Interest.	<u>Black & White</u> -	Landscape Flora & Fauna Human Interest.
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At our last Committee meeting two new members; Bill Olsen and Keith Potter, were elected to replace Trevor Arnold who is going to work in Wanganui. Appreciation was expressed for the support that Trevor has given to the Club, and we hope to see him on future Club trips.

FORTHCOMING TRIPS

NOV. 6 th : Wanganui College Hut, Ohakune Mountain Road.	
Leader Vern Stout	79.139
NOV 19 – 20 th : 'The Comet' Kaikomata Range, Inland Patea Range.	
Leader Tony Morrison	86.397
DEC. 3 – 4 th : Waipakihi, The Needles. Ldr. Roger Clark	79.719

CHRISTMAS TRIP: All members going on the Nelson Lakes trip at Christmas please attend our Social Evening on Thursday 27th October and bring £2 as payment for the boat fare, which U.S.S. Co. want as soon as possible. Also anyone wishing to go on this trip who has not put their name down would be wise to do so immediately – ring Russ Lacey 81.436.

Trip Leaders please send trip report as soon as possible to Brian Abraham, 10 Ruha Street., P.N. as delays in sending these reports make it very difficult to include them in the newsletter.

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ALPINE INSTRUCTION COURSE: During the last six weeks three Club members have attended the N.Z. Alpine Instruction Course which covered rock climbing and basic mountaineering.

Rock Climbing at Titahi Bay. On this section of the course, rope work, special techniques and artificial climbing were covered.

Egmont, 8-9th October. Saturday of this weekend was spent in the hut, watching snow and sleet pelting against the windows. Sunday was fine and at 7.30a.m. saw us well up the mountain practicing self arrest, step cutting and belaying.

Ruapehu, Labour Weekend. Saturday rained, so several pupils practised abseiling (double roping) down a 70-80ft. rock face. On Sunday the weather was much the same, but it was decided to have a crack at climbing Taurangi (9175ft), but about ten minutes from the top the weather proved too much, so the party turned back.

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Monday saw the weather we had been wishing for, so two M.T.C. members and our three Club members set off on the ascent of Tahurangi once more; this time achieved to the satisfaction of all. So ended a very successful and enjoyable instruction course; many thanks to the Wellington Section of the N.Z. Alpine Club for their readiness to pass on their thorough knowledge of the mountains and rocks.

LABOUR WEEKEND:

Eleven members went on the Labour Weekend trip to Colenso Lake via Colenso Track from Makaroro River. We had a pleasant surprise from Mr. Hall, a local farmer who gave us a lift on his truck to Gold Creek. We camped alongside Remutupo Hut near the headwaters of the Mangatera River and next day scampered down in light rain and, without packs to the Colenso Lake. During that night we had 2" of snow but it cleared to a beautiful day enabling us to go along the range and drop into Gold Creek. Unfortunately we did not look closely at the route we took. From the top this appeared to be the correct ridge but turned out to be three ridges short of the correct turn off! This mistake cost us a few scratches and dampened some members' enthusiasm.

Those on their first weekend trip went very well and we hope that we will see them again.

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Overdue parties please ring:

Vern Stout - 79139.
Tony Morrison - 86.397.

Have this information at home with someone responsible, so they can contact Vern or Tony in the event of any mishap.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

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We have been given £50 for clearing the Rangiwahia Ski Hut Track, so now we have to do it! As we have to get on with the job as soon as possible we unfortunately have had to transfer the "Comet" trip November 19-20th to this first work party. With the money we will have equipment in time for the Christmas trip, so come along and join in the fun - it really is - just try it.

We will camp at Vern Jensen's woolshed, Apiti, on Saturday night. We need EVERYONE. There is plenty to do, lifting rubbish from the track, trimming back ferns, shovelling, and cutting. We will have two chainsaws in action.

Some people may only be able to come for one day, so please ring Ann & Tony Morrison URGENTLY 86.397 as to when you can come and if you have transport?

TIME: 6 a.m. IZADIUM Saturday and Sunday; and remember weekenders - community cooking. Food will be pooled, cooked and shared out for tea and breakfast.

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