

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
NEWSLETTER 12

P.O. Box 1217,
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NOTICE OF TRIPS AND MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 12th: Field Hut, Tararua Range. Easy.

We did this trip twelve months ago as the first Club trip. If you were on it then let's do it again; if not well come along this time.

Leader: Russ Lacey 81.436

FE. 25 – 26th: Two trips this weekend - an easy family trip with tramping and swimming, and a tops trip, for those that like something more strenuous. **DON'T MISS THIS WEEKEND.**

A - Family trip to Tararua Forest Park, Mt. Holdsworth road end.

B - Mt. Holdsworth and Powell Hut.

Leaders - Ann and Tony Morrison.

MONTHLY CLUB NIGHT on February 23rd. Owing to a mistake in forms, signatures on our last application for Incorporation are void, and we will ask for these again at this meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Thursday March 2nd, at Berry Engineering Canteen. We would like to have a good attendance to elect committee for the coming year.

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CLUB GEAR: Keith Potter, 28, Titoki Street, (Ph. 79.499) is now our Gear Custodian. Please return all gear **PROMPTLY** after each trip. **SCRUB** billies clean and **DRY** out any wet tents. Members may hire gear on weekends other than Club weekend trips.

PHOTOCOMPETITION: Results below of last months competition.

Landscape: 1st - R. Lacey, 2nd - V. Jensen, 3rd – P. Clausen

Flora & Fauna; 1st - R. Lacey & P. Clausen, 2nd - R. Lacey, 3rd - R. Clarke

Human Interest: 1st.- V. Jensen, 2nd - R. Lacey, 3rd.- R. Cla.rke.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Two Club members, Vern Stout and Peter Clausen, took part in a recent search in the Tararuas, being based at the Vosseler Hut and searched the Hector River headwaters. The other two members in the party were local N.Z.D.A. members.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE TRAVERS AND SABINE

On December 27th 1966, ten Club members left Lake Rotoiti in fine weather and moved around the lake towards Lakehead Hut where we paused for a boil up, and then moved on up the Travers River camping on the south side of Hopeless Creek. We stayed in this, area for two nights (wet ones) and paid a visit to the head of Hopeless Creek, the site of a new hut for the Nelson Alpine Club.

Two days later we moved up to the valley head, camping just above the Travers Hut. After two beautiful days we again put on heavy packs and struggled onto the Travers Saddle on a perfect day, with the snowy topped Mt. Franklyn and other Sabine peaks making a terrific sight to the west.

Crossing the saddle we sidled for awhile and then dropped steeply down a scree slope and into a stream leading into the east branch of the Sabine, and then via a bush track to the Sabine Forks Hut. We camped fifteen minutes upstream in the west branch. We spent several very enjoyable days in this area visiting the mountain gems in the wilderness area Lake Constance and the Blue Lake. From this area we tramped down to the Sabine Hut at Lake Totoroa and spent two nights fighting off the swarms of sandflies. We returned to Rotoiti via a track across the heads of Howard stream. Some confusion over the track led us to a N.Z.F.S. hut in the Howard so we headed downstream and then to the main highway, most of the party getting rides back to Rotoiti.

Things most remembered on the trip:-

A: The sandflies,

B: The keen member Peter who went swimming several times daily regardless of the temperature.

C: The home made boat at Rotoroa.

A very enjoyable trip in some really beautiful country.

Those doing the trip:- Sue Roberts, Lyn Clark, Annette Brongraber, Peter Clausen, Tony Morrison, Trevor Arnold, Keith Potter, Roger Clark, Bruce Watson, Russ Lacey. (leader).

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