

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTANEERING CLUB

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A cordial welcome to Ross and Mark Batchelar who have become members of the Club.

Note: New members must fill in an application form after their first two trips.

When members or intending members are travelling in another person's vehicle, could the following points be observed. Travel in clean clothes; never wear dirty boots in a car. Pack gear in gently; packs can have sharp corners and upholstery can easily be torn. Treat the vehicle as if it were your own. If these points are followed the owner of the vehicle will be happy to use again on a trip.

CLUB NIGHTS: The normal Club night, the last Thursday of each month, has been changed for May only to the 18th, so no Club night on May 25th.

The next Club night will be Thursday JUNE 29th, when we will have an open night for slides taken on Club or private tramping trips, so please bring along any new slides you have.

The committee has arranged the programme for the year; we have some very interesting speakers and films. We hope to have a full length film on the Conquest of Everest later in the year.

Club evenings start at 7.45p.m. sharp, and we would appreciate seeing members seated before this time as it is most distracting to a speaker to hear shuffling feet and banging of chairs from these latecomers.

SAFETY IN THE MOUNTAINS: So that members will become aware of the dangers that can easily be encountered in the mountains, we will commence a short discussion between members at each Club night on a subject to be selected by the Committee.

RECOMMENDED READING: "Unclimbed New Zealand". - John Pascoe "Safety in the Mountains" - L.D. Bridge (obtainable from Club 9/-) "Rock Garden Plants of the Southern Alps" -W.R. Philipson & D. Hearn.

All available at local library.

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COMING TRAMPING?

MAY 28th. Sunday: SHUTEYE HUT, Waipawa River:

A reasonably easy trip into the Eastern side of the Central Ruahines - up the Triplex Stream to Shuteye Hut and out via the Waipawa River. Don't miss this trip. Approx. 12/-

Departs Izadium 6a.m. Leader Don Fletcher 87.432

JUNE 3 – 4 – 5th Queens B'day: PURITY HUT, Hikurangi Range:

Again we tramp into the Ruahines, this time on the western side, to visit the Purity Hut and the Hikurangi Range which encloses some of the more rugged part of the Ruahines. A trip somewhat harder than normal, so come on you fit types. Departs Izadium 6 a.m. 3rd. Approx. cost 15/-.

Leader Bill Homes; ring Peter Clausen 81.743, after 5 p.m.

JUNE 17 –18th: Rock Climbing - more details next Newsletter.

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RANGIWAHIA HUT: (Central Ruahines):

This hut, once the property of the Rangiwahia Ski Club now in recess, has been handed over to the P.N.T.M.C. The Club is now responsible for the maintenance of the Hut and Track. The hut, which has been hanging onto life by the skin of its teeth for the last few years, has already been reconstructed by Club members. The wings of the original T-shape have been removed and the remaining rectangle overhauled. New bunk, to sleep 8, fireplace and chimney are just a few of other tasks already completed. Obviously someone has been busy.

Thanks must go to Keith Potter and Dennis More, ably assisted by Roger Clarke, Wayne Boucher, Miles Stilwell, Mark and Ross Batchelar, Russell Johnson, Russ Lacey, Dennis Arnott, John Tucker, Christopher Tucker, Campbell Arnott and C. Robieson. Special thanks to Mr. E. Arnott for the donation of building materials.

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YOU?

THOUGHT: Great things happen when men and mountains meet. This is not done by jostling in the street.

-- William Blake.

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