

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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CLUB NIGHT (with a difference): Thursday 31st August.
Bring yourself, tramping clothes, mug and a torch; meet at Berry's 7.30 p.m. no later.
Members who could use their vehicle for short trip of five miles will be paid for petrol used. If wet, Club night in the hall at Berry's as usual - let's hope it isn't wet that is.

COMING TRIPS:

September 3rd: Armstrong Saddle snow trip. Easy day to trip to the snow - if the snow lasts that long. Wear warm clothing. Cost approx. 75 cents.

Leader: Miles Stilwell NOTE Ph. 79.745

September 16-17th: Snowcraft Weekend and Alpine Instruction. Area to be decided on depending on snow conditions.

Leader: Peter Liley Ring Bruce Watson
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September 24th: Rangiwahia Track Work Party.

We want to do more work on the lower end of the Rangi Track and concentrate mainly cutting a new track across the slip and fitting a hand wire in the bad places. We need all the help we can get so do not let the Club down. Cost approx. 50 cents.

Leader: Bruce Watson 78.517

MOUNTAIN CRAFT: The N.Z. Alpine Club is holding three weekend courses again this year.

23-24th September	- rock climbing at Wellington
8- 9th October	- snowcraft at Egmont
21-22-23rd October	- snowcraft at Egmont.

Members who have attended these courses in the past are not eligible. Entry forms must be in Wellington by 4th September. For further particulars, entry forms, etc. contact Bruce Watson, 499 Ferguson St. 78.517.

SAFETY IN THE MOUNTAINS: Members no doubt have read in the daily newspapers recent accidents and warnings by Park Board Rangers of the dangers in the mountains under winter conditions and the sudden change to icy conditions. Remember the mountains will always be there – a wise trumper knows when to turn back.

At our last Club evening members were addressed by Mr. T Cookson, N.Z.F.S. who spoke on the work of the Forest Service, concluding his talk with some very fine slides and no doubt members are now enlightened about work of Forestry, particularly the recreational part of the various work plans.

CHRISTMAS: WANTED - two keen and interested members to do a North Is. tramping trip of about 12 days in Kaimanawas - Ignimbrite Saddle to Kaweka Ranges. Must be fit. Cheap holiday. Ring Russ Lacey 81.436

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SNOWCRAFT TRIP ON RUAPEHU: Leader Bill Olsen; Ian Boyce, John Saunders, Peter Liley, Hilda Baker, Grant Robert,
Weather perfect. Decided not to share Blyth Hut with three dozen Scouts so stayed at Wanganui Club hut. Saturday spent on Safety, self arrests, belays, etc; Sunday rope work, glissading at 7,500ft. Bill developed an interesting method of packaging trampers to the tramp by banging them and their gear into a mini-Minor and locking the doors - thanks for transport Bill.

CLUB GEAR: Are members aware that the Club has items of hire gear, such as tents, billies and a pack that can be obtained for use for a small fee. The Gear Custodian is Keith Potter, 28 Titoki St. 79.499.

FIRST AID: An important item of gear is the First Aid kit. This can easily be made up and packed into a small water-proofed container and kept at all times in one's pack. Those small injuries such as scratches etc. can easily be taken care of if one has a simple kit.

FILM EVENING: We hope that we may be able to have a film evening in September; possibly several short films on bushcraft and a feature film.

Anyone interested in a rubber dinghy trip down through the Manawatu Gorge? -- once the water warms up. This trip was promised last year but never eventuated, so it's sink or swim this year. Ring Tony Morrison - 86.397.

P.N.T.M.C. Club badges may be ordered through the Secretary. Price \$1-10 (11/-).

New Member: Welcome to Campbell Arnott - we hope you will enjoy many years of good tramping with P.N.T.M.C.

The P.N.T.M.C. is now affiliated with the Federated Mountain Clubs of N.Z. (F.M.C.), and all financial members will receive a copy of "Safety in the Mountains". These will be issued at a later date.

Next monthly Club discussion on Safety in the Mountains - camp, firelighting, safety etc. First aid for trampers.

Recommended Reading:

"Safety in the Mountains" - available free to all financial members of the Club.

"The Trees of N.Z." by Cockayne & Turner.

"Back Country Tales" by Lester Masters.

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Were you at the last Club night?

Did you miss the last Club trip?

Have we seen you recently?

If not, let's see you next Club night and of course next Club trip.

An active Club must have active members.

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