

## P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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#### CLUB NIGHT Thursday 27th February:

At Berry Engineering Works Ltd., Social Room.

A speaker has not been arranged for this evening and you are urged to bring along and show slides taken on that Christmas trip. Even if you do not have slides to show please come along and meet your tramping club friends at an informal gathering.

Committee Meeting 24th February, 7. 30 p.m. at Peter Clausen's, 145 Salisbury St., Ashhurst.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Thursday 27th March, at 7.30 p.m. at Berry Engineering Works Ltd., Social Room.

#### COMING TRIPS

14-15-16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY Rangī Hut - Howletts, Middle Crossing Ruahines:

Leaving Friday night; moderately difficult. Include a good torch in your pack. Give names to Keith Potter phone 79.499.

2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH: Schormans Track - Putara Hut:

Short relatively easy tramp to the hut from a point near Eketahuna. This is a trip which could be enjoyed by every member of the Club and you are all invited and urged to take part in it. Let us make this a record turn-out.

Leader Dennis Moore Ph. 76.752

15 – 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH: Holdsworth - Totara Flats - Mangahuka:

A fit trip in the above form though for those who would like something easier it has been suggested that a group could go into the same area with a less arduous programme.

EASTER 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL: Proposed to go to Lake Waikaremoana.

Particulars later.

18 – 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL: Trains Hut, Waitotara. Particulars later.

#### PAST ACTIVITIES

CLUB NIGHT 30th January: We are indebted to Mr. Adrian King for a most interesting and instructive talk on his travels in Yugoslavia. The small numbers in the group who met on this night were disappointing to those arranging the

programme as our speaker certainly deserved support for his excellent address.

GRAND ANNUAL DINNER: 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Dinner on top of a mountain? ? Yes, and with brightly coloured decorations, paper hats and all the trimmings. The rain kept up a steady beat as the main party reached the Hut to be greeted by enticing aromas of roast and Christmas pud. The previous day the Chief Cook and her retinue had braved storm and flood to make early preparations for the meal and all who participated in the feast will wish to extend heartiest thanks for the excellent cuisine.

The roast was washed down with a mild Sauterne and was followed (by those that had enough room left) by two Christmas puddings, suitably ignited with a drop of the hard stuff and topped with cream fresh from the tin cow. Our patron, Mr. Jensen and his wife were welcome guests joining in the celebrations and obviously spending the night at the hut to recover. The dinner proved, without a doubt, the benefit of having the stove and made the effort of installing it worthwhile.

DRAMA NEAR IRON GATE - A Hearsay Account.

On the Saturday morning of Anniversary Weekend 2 Club members travelled by car to the Te Parapara road end. Here they donned heavy packs and started up the gruelling grind to Rangi and Mangahuia. The day was hot; several hours and a bruised knee later the two were on the Whanahuia Range overlooking the Oroua River. They descended a streambed to Iron Gate Hut.

Sunday dawned fine and hot. It was, at this point that the drama began. Ignoring the kindly advice of an elderly, highly experienced Club member, the two intrepids started up a spur into the leather leaf. The extreme folly of this action is, of course, immediately evident to all experienced Ruahine men. Leather Leaf, alias Leatherwood, alias many un-printable names, grows in the Ruahines as a thick band above the bush line. It is absolutely impenetrable. Experienced men use slips, streams and cut tracks to pass through this band. The effects on flesh and clothes of forcing a passage through an impenetrable barrier can be imagined. Contemplation of the effects of such a forced passage on a very hot day on two very thirsty men, one with a bruised knee, causes the mind to boggle.  
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TRIP LIST 1969

NOTE: All trips normally leave 6 A.M. from Izadium.  
Please notify Trip Leader if you intend to go  
on any Club trip.

JULY 2	Waiiopehu.Hut	T. Morrison	86.397
JULY 15-16	Rangiwahia Track Work Party	Russ Lacey	81.436
AUGUST 6	Eastern Ruahines, Headwaters Manawatu River	Graham Whitcombe	88.252
AUG 19-20	Snowcraft Weekend	Bill Olsen	75.480
SEPT 3	Ruahines, Armstrong Saddle, Day snow trip	Miles Stilwell	79.945
SEPT 16-17	Snowcraft Weekend	Peter Liley	
OCTOBER 1	Ruahines, Mangakaka Ridge	Ron Haxton	83.994
OCT 14-15	Otupae Range, Inland Patea Road	Ian Barnes	
OCT 21-22-23	Tararua Main Range, Field - Vosseler -Waitewaewae Hut	Peter Clausen	81.743
NOV 5	Tararuas, Kahuterawa Stm - Ross Ck.	Lyn Potter	79.499
NOV 18-19	Kaimanawas, Upper Tauranga Taupo River	Roger Clarke	76.719
DEC 2-3	Waipawa River, Main Divide, Black Ridge	Bruce Watson	78.517
DEC 17	Otaki Forks - Sheridan Creek	Wayne Boucher	79.839

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