

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER 9/71

COMING EVENTS

26th August. CLUB NIGHT at the Society of Friends Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7.30 p.m.

FILMS: SNOWCRAFT
FIORLAND EXPEDITION, 1949
TWIN LAKES
GLACIER CLIMBERS

Mr. Nichols of Bennetts Bookshop on Broadway will give a mini talk on map supplies at Bennett's and be only too pleased to answer any questions on map availability.

PUBLIC OPINION POLL: Frequency of Club Nights. The President will speak briefly on the advantages of having monthly club nights and John Williams will encourage more frequent club nights.

SUPPER DUTIES: Wesley Dalefield, Peter Flaus, Grant Potter. (Please bring a tea towel from home.)

28th August. CONQUESTS HUT (PIRIPIRI) in the Ruahines.

Grading: Easy.
Cost: 80c Approx.

For details and names phone Peter Sutcliffe, 72-231.

28th-29th August. TE MATAWAI - GIRDLESTONE

Grading: Fit Cost: \$1 00
Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday
Leader: Dawn Ellis, phone 81-069

4th September: BUSHCRAFT – DAY ONLY

Here is a chance to put into use the information you have been acquiring recently on maps. The theme of this bushcraft is map and compass. For this trip you will require the N.Z. Topographical Map 1:63,360 NZMS 1 N140 ONGA ONGA, the Ruahine Trumper's Map and a liquid filled compass with transparent base - Silva Type 3 Compass - available from Tisdalls at \$4.75. Be sure you are in a Beetle when you are on this trip and then you will have less walking to do!

Place: "Cone" at map reference 501819 (Sheet N140)
Depart Izadium: 6.30 a.m. Home by: 5.30 p.m.
Cost approx.: \$1.60 Names to Heather Crabb, phone 77-668

6th September.

The Ohakea Mountain Club invites all club members to see slides and films of "Ruapehu's Recent Eruption." A DSIR Vulcanologist will be talking and showing a film which will NOT be available to the public.

The Place: Ohakea Base Theatre.
The Time: 8.00 p.m.

A small charge will be made to offset the speaker's expenses.

For transport purposes and to provide a guide to the number attending, names to Heather Crabb, Phone 77-668. If you do not have transport, hand in your name and transport will be provided for you.

11th September. BLUE RANGE in the Tararuas.

Grading: Easy. Leave Izadium: 7.00 a.m.
Cost approx.: \$2.40 Leader: Heather Crabb, 77-668

11th-12th September. WALLS WHARE – REEVES – CONE HUT

Grading: Fit Leave: Izadium: 6.30 p.m. Friday night.
Cost: Approx. \$3.60 Leader: Grant Potter, phone 89-639

15th September

What about those slides you've taken that you want to show your tramping friends? Bring your slides and friends to a social evening that Dave Ryrie is holding at the Society of Friends Church Hall, 227 College St. at 7.30 p.m. Projector and screen will be provided and a film may be shown.

16th September. COMMITTEE MEETING at Lawson' Pither's, 30 Surrey Cres. at 7.30 p.m.

18th-19th Sept. SAWTOOTH RIDGE (E. RUAHINES)

Grading: F.E. Cost: \$2.00
Depart Izadium: 6.00 p.m. Friday evening
Leader: Brad Owen, phone 83-467

Snow conditions can make this route difficult, therefore in addition to storm gear, members will need an ice axe, know how to use it and be conversant with the use of a rope.

30th September. CLUB NIGHT.

Ruahine Quiz by Russ Lacey.
SUPPER DUTIES: Maureen Cousins, Don Fletcher.

2nd 3rd October. COMBINED CLUBS WORK PARTY.

The upgrading of the track from the top Mangahao Dam over Ngapuketuru to Schormanns.

Details from Lawson Pither, phone 85-616 (before 7.30 .p.m.)

16th-17th October. HIKURANGI RANGE (W Ruahines)

Grading: Fit Cost: \$2.00
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday Leader: Kevin Pearce.

This will be a traverse of the highest peaks in the Ruahines. Storm gear will be necessary.

25th October

13 mile Y.M.C.A. Walkabout '71 for Y.M.C.A. & P.N. St. John's Ambulance Assoc.

6th-7th November

S.A.R. Trial search in the Ruahines.

NOTICES

SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE

Where do you wish to go this summer? Please hand your ideas for trips to one of the following, so that they can be incorporated into the next schedule.

Dave Ryrie, Dawn Ellis, Brad Owen.

MASSIF '71

Massey University Alpine Club's Annual magazine "Massif '71" is now available. This is printed on a good grade of paper and contains many black and white photos. Cost 60c. A copy will be available for inspection at next club Night.

Orders to: Distribution Manager,
Alpine Club,
Massey University Post Office,
Palmerston North.

CHRISTMAS TRIP

Only twelve places are available on this trip to Arthur's Pass. Those who have given their names must make a deposit of \$20 before Club Night 26th August or they will forfeit their place on the trip. The Club is required to pay for all transport by 1st September.

HIRE GEAR

There is a considerable amount of gear that has not been returned. Please check and see if you have any of it and return same promptly. Others may be waiting to use it.

The Club has recently purchased a nylon fly which is available for hire at 50c per weekend. This could be useful on some ambitious "day" trips.

CLUB BADGES

These are available from the Treasurer at \$1.30 each. Stocks are limited and more badges will be ordered as soon as the demand is known. (How many members can recognise their own Club badge?)

MAPS

The new topographical map of the Rangī area of the Ruahines is available from the Treasurer at a cost of 50c. Kevin Pearce will take orders for any Lands & Survey Dept. maps, which can be obtained through the Club at a discount.

UNCLAIMED GEAR

Kevin Pearce has a pair of overtrousers and a tow-rope which were left in his car after a recent trip. Owners please claim these at Club Night.

PHOTO ALBUM

This is available for inspection at Club Nights. Donations of photos to the album should be made to Brad Owen, the Album keeper.

ASCENTS LIST 1971.

The following ascents have been reported:

EGMONT (8260') 4/7/71. Sue Streeter, Lawson Pither, Kevin Pearce, Brad Owen (from Syme Hut). 1/8/71. Brad Owen, Julian Dalefield, Wesley Dalefield, Michael Wigley, Kevin Pearce, Tony Christianson, Dave Cooke, Grant Potter (from Kapuni Lodge.)

FANTHAMS PEAK (6438') 1/8/71. Lawson Pither, Bruce Lockwood.

SHARKS TOOTH (8220') Crater Face. 1/8/71. Kevin Pearce, Wesley Dalefield.

TONGARIRO (6428') 11/7/71. Brad Owen, Kevin Pearce, Grant Potter.

NGAURUHOE (7515') 10/7/71. Brad Owen, Kevin Pearce, Grant Potter.

RUAPEHU

TAHURANGI (9175') 30/1/71. Brad Owen, Lawson Pither, Sue Streeter, Peter Baxter; Kevin Pearce. 18/7/71. Brad Owen, Robin Paul, Richard Murcott. 25/7/71. Ron Stretton, Trevor Stretton, Dave Ryrie.

(MATIHAO (8738') 31/1/71. Brad Owen, Lawson Pither.

(TE HEUHEU (9040') Sue Streeter, Peter Baxter, Kevin Pearce.

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GIRDLESTONE (8725') 18/7/71. Denis Arnott, Keith Potter, Lawson Pither, Kevin Pearce, Peter Baxter, Grant Potter, Sue Streeter.

CUPOLA (7396') Nelson Lakes. 1/1/71. Brad Owen, Kevin Pearce, Peter Sutcliffe (by the N.W. face route.)

TRAVERS (7671') Nelson Lakes. 1/1/710 Sue Streeter, Lawson Pither, Peter Baxter, Randall Goldfinch, Grant Potter (by the Summit Creek route.) 3/1/71. Kevin Pearce, Brad Owen, Peter Sutcliffe (by the Upper Travers direct route.)

KEHU (7275') Nelson Lakes. 3/1/71. Peter Baxter (by N.W. Face route.)

TALBOT (7300') The Darrans. 11/2/71. Kevin Pearce, Lawson Pither, from Gertrude Saddle and Traverse Pass.)

Please report any errors or omissions to the secretary. Climbs should be reported as soon as possible.

FOR SALE

One pair dark blue all nylon shorts. Waist 32, hip 38, \$3.50. See Dave Ryrie.

PAST TRIPS.

20th June COPPERMINE HUT.

Coppermine Hut was reached after half an hour. From here Ian took the Wharite party up the track on the spur opposite. Shortly before Heather and I left the hut with our two young but keen trampers (Maire, 9 and Ross 5½) twenty members of the Manawatu Canoe Club, lead by Peter Sutcliffe, thundered by in search of the mines further up a side stream. Some time later we caught up with them just past the first mine which we had inspected. Early in the afternoon we returned to the hut while the Canoe Club carried on down stream. Ian's party arrived soon after and we all had a boil up. The weather began to clear now, having been overcast all day. The cars were reached just before nightfall.

Wharite party: After a short scramble up onto the ridge opposite the hut, a few eager types decided to move ahead of the rest, only to find themselves following the wrong track. Two hours after leaving the hut lunch was had in mist on top of the Main Ruahine Range. Because of the overgrown track and the mist we retreated back the way we came, observing a good view of the Wairarapa through a gap in the clouds.

After a brew up in the hut with the others we made a very hurried visit to the mine shaft and waterfall.

Trip Members: Peter Wallace, Richard Ussher, Keith Margrain, Dawn Ellis, Judith Domney, Heather and Maire Crabb, Janice Rockell, Adrian Turner, Peter Darroch, Robert Sylva, Richard Ransfield, Barbara Brown, Ross Johnson, Russ Johnson (Leader), Ian Hoare (Wharite Leader.)

31st July-1st Aug. SNOWCRAFT II, EGMONT.

On the weekend of 30th July-1st August eleven persons enjoyed fine weather and good ice conditions for a course of advanced snowcraft instruction. Friday night was spent in Robson Lodge at the Dawson Falls road end. In the morning we tramped up to the Egmont Alpine Club's 'Kapuni Lodge which was our accomodation for Saturday night. After a second breakfast the party broke up into small groups for instruction on the slopes of Fanthams peak. The light mist and occasional icy squall did not cause any difficulties. Most of the party reached Syme hut on Fanthams Peak. A three course meal prepared by Master Cheffess Heather capped the day.

Sunday dawned fine, calm and clear. We left the Lodge late, about eight, and headed up the slopes towards the summit, crampons biting the ice. The first to reach the summit did so about 10.30 a.m. and the last were in time for lunch.

Two boys, about fourteen years old, from the Egmont Alpine Club were ahead of us going up having spent the night in Syme Hut. When we reached the crater they were about to ascend the Crater face of Shark Tooth. This is about 150 feet high above the Crater floor with the last 70 feet nearly vertical ice.