

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER 3/72

COMING EVENTS

19th February. BUSHCRAFT

Leader: Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext. 856.
Cost: \$1.00 Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday.

24th February CLUB NIGHT

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St. (behind the West End Chemist) at 7:30 p.m.

Slides will be shown of the Arthur's Pass Christmas trip.
SUPPER DUTIES: Brad Owen, Grant Potter.

25th-27th February. FOOL (Pronounced Full) POHANGINA RIVER

Grading: FE Depart Izadium: 6:30 p.m., Friday Night.

Leader: Grant Potter Cost: Approx. \$2.50

This trip will travel light and fast (handbag trip.) For more details, ring Grant Potter.
Can anyone help with transport, please?

26th February. PANATAWAEWAE (Western Tararuas)

Grading: Easy Depart Izadium: 6:30 a.m.

Cost: \$1.20 Leader: Heather Crabb, 77-668

4th-5th March. OTAKI GORGE

Grading: Fit Depart Izadium: Friday night, 7 p.m.

Cost: Approx. \$1.50 Leader: Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext.

856.

This trip will invoke pack floating through long deep pools in the Otaki Gorge. These pools cannot be bypassed. Trip members should be reasonable swimmers, confident in deep water. Bring air mattress or tyre inner tube and lots of plastic bags to keep clothes dry.

The main course for Saturday night's meal will be stew. Bring it precooked, in either a plastic bag or a tin. (A. FE variation of this trip, starting from Ohau Pipe bridge will be available.)

4th-5th March. WAITEWAEWAE

Grading: Easy Depart Izadium: Saturday morning, 7 a.m.

Cost: \$1.50 Names to Lawson Pither, 85-616

Bring food for communal stew.

16th March. COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Russ Johnson's, 11 Lifford Place.

18th March. TOKOMARU CROSSING

Grading: FE Depart Izadium: 5 a.m. Saturday (on the dot.)

Cost: Approx. \$1.20 Leader: Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext 856.

Can anyone help with transport? Returning on 18th March (or thereabouts?)

18th-19th March. TOKOMARU CROSSING

Grading:	Medium	Depart Izadium: 7 a.m. Saturday
Cost:	\$1.20	Names to Heather Crabb, 77-668

23rd March. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25th-26th March. MOKAI PATEA-McKINNON HUT

Grading:	Fit	Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday
Cost:	Approx. \$2.00	Leader: Ian Hoare, 83-448

30th March-3rd April. EASTER TRIPS TO TARAWERA

Details in next newsletter. Very approx. Cost \$10. Early on the morning of June 10th, 1886, Mount Tarawera erupted in the most violent eruption of historic times. Early on the evening of March 30th, 1972, P.N.T.M.C. departs for Mount Tarawera on the most interesting trip of recent times.

NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club will be held on Thursday, 23rd March, 1972 at 7:30 p.m. in the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St., Palmerston North.

Nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, not less than five committee members and Patron are required.

Subscriptions will be due immediately after the meeting.

Members wishing to resign are reminded of their obligation to inform the Secretary of their desire not to renew their membership. In the past there have been odd cases of oversight, where former members have continued to receive the newsletter even though they had no intention of paying a subscription.

NEWSLETTER HEADING

Designs for a newsletter heading are required. With our newly acquired duplicator it will be possible to print an attractive heading for our newsletters and members are invited to submit designs for consideration by the committee. They need only be rough sketches as Brad Owen has promised do the necessary final drawing.

OPENING OF HERITAGE LODGE

The President and members of the Manawatu branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association extends to you a welcome invitation to the opening of their new lodge in the Oroua Catchment because it is, which is to take place at 2 p.m. on 4th March, 1972 and will be opened jointly by them and the Minister of Forests, Mr. Duncan McIntyre. For directions phone Lawson Pither, 85-616.

FOR SALE

1 pair boots, size, 4, possibly for size 5. Near new. Apply Sue Streeter, phone 76-060

ASCENTS LIST

The following ascents have been reported:

Te Heu Heu. (9040") 22/8/71. Malcolm Watson, Brad Owen, Kevin Pearce, Grant Potter, Wesley Dalefield, Lawson Pither.

Pinnacle Ridge. (Ruapehu) 21/8/71. Traverse of 1st and 2nd Pinnacles. Kevin Pearce, Wesley Dalefield.

Girdlestone (8725') 18/9/71. Kevin Pearce and others.

Tahurangi (9175') 19/9/71. Lawson Pither, Kevin Pearce, and others. 21/11/71 (Day trip from P.N.) Lawson Pither, Kevin Pearce, Sue Streeter.

Girdlestone-Tahurangi. 18/12/71 71 (Day trip from P.N.) Lawson Pither, Grant Potter, Brad Owen, Kevin Pearce.

Rolleston Low Peak. (7254') Crow Face direct. 30/12/71. Malcolm Watson, Grant Potter.

Temple. (6560') Phipps-Temple Col to B'Limit Traverse. 8/1/72. Randall Goldfinch, Kevin Pearce, Grant Potter, Sue Streeter.

Rolleston (Low, Middle and High Peaks) (7450') 9/1/72. Kevin Pearce, Grant Potter.

Turner (7679') 6/1/72 Lawson Pither and others.

Aylmer (8819') 9/1/72 Lawson Pither and others.

Hochstetter Dome (9258') 10/1/72 Lawson Pither and others.

Egmont 16/1/72. Roger Lander, Malcolm Watson, Kevin Pearce, Brad Owen.

THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL MK11

One event stands out from all others in this relatively new year. Yes, in early 1972 the long promised delivery of the new Presidential Bombshell MK11. The old model has at last been withdrawn. Since its introduction many years ago, it had been the subject of an increasing number of complaints. Among the frequent have been: the general sluggishness in performance; great difficulty in starting on cold mornings (or indeed on any morning); excessive noise from the engine, especially noticeable that night; and above all, a tendency to stall in vertical situations where it would sometimes be hours before one could get it going either forward or into reverse. And so it has now been replaced by the new supercharged, water cooled, high velocity, multi-cylinder, heated MK11. I can give you no specifications of the new models actual performance, since the manufacturers brochure omits to include any. I can only hope that in their pursuit of untamable power, they have not sacrificed any of the built-in safety factors, excellent rock-holding and river floating qualities which were perhaps the most satisfactory features of the old model.

PAST EVENT

5th-6th February. PENN CREEK

The moaning began almost as soon as we left the cars. It was only meant to be a medium trip - there should not be a 3000 foot climb up to Field's Hut. Later, as we bush bashed down to Penn Creek from Table Top there were further complaints, apparently bush bashing was out on medium trips. On the way we met a sow hiding under a nest of ferns with four piglings (sic) (cf Ducklings not ducklets.) We kept a safe distance and left when Mum showed signs of restlessness. A further flood of complaints gushed forth when we arrived at Penn Creek Hut to find it completely full. We had to camp out, and apparently, this was not done on medium trips. One member of the party, the moaner, discovered a fairy's palace, but did not let on. While we were enduring hardship this person was installing himself in the luxurious abode. The roof was a silvery lacework of vines, the walls were of nature's gems and the floor of foam rubber topped with fairy down. Nearby a stream chuckled by, brim full of the nectar of the gods. A breeze played music in the leaves of the trees. Stars studded the velvet sky.

Sunday morning, and we were eventually on our way down river. Further complaints -- apparently medium trips, did not involve wet feet. Soon we came to the first of a series of deep pools completely filling the floor of the gorge. Pack floating was the only way, but unfortunately, pack floating was out on medium trips (moan number 67.) We arrived back at the cars refreshed and slightly sunburnt.

Those taking part were: Grant Potter, David Hay, Brent Johnston, Jane Scrymgeour, Heather Crabb, Kevin Pearce, Lindsey Sandes, and also Brad Moaner Owen.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1971-72

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club's 6th Annual Report. The past year has been a good one, perhaps our best since the Club was formed in December, 1965. Trips ran on more than 38 of the 52 weekends of the year. The trips included 16 day trips with an average attendance of about 10 (one trip had a record (?) 39.) 32 weekend trips were run with an average attendance of about 7. Two Christmas trips visited the South Island with 10 and 6 members respectively. There were three overdue parties, one for which there was a S.A.R. alert and national T.V. coverage. With the exception of one case of frost bite, now fully healed, there have been no serious injuries. Membership stands at 74.

CLUB NIGHTS

Club nights have continued to be held monthly with good attendances. The highlights of the year were the visit by Graeme Dingle in June and the visit by Nick Banks in July. We continue to enjoy the use of the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms for our Club Nights for which I wish to record the thanks of the Committee and the Club.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter has become an essential part of the Club's tradition. Twelve issues of the newsletter were published during the past year and the number of copies printed monthly now exceeds 120. The Club's duplicator, which was purchased in December at a cost of \$180, has seen an increase in the quality of the printing and a large decrease in the printing time (from about two hours to as little as 15 minutes.) Favourable comments have been received from many quarters and we must continue in our efforts to stay away from blow-by-blow-rather dull-factual accounts of trips which are rather common in tramping club publications. Trip leaders have become efficient in seeing that trip accounts are written and only five trips were not reported on during the past year.

COMMITTEE

Your Committee meet on twelve occasions during the year and attendance by Committee members was good. The Committee authorised the purchase of two ice axes, one climbing rope, one first aid kit and one tent fly as well as a number of smaller items. I consider it desirable that further mountaineering equipment be purchased before the coming winter. The Club should aim at having sufficient climbing gear, that is: ice axes, crampons and ropes, for three pairs of climbers. This gear should be purchased over a period so as not to strain finances.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

The past year has been another quiet one as far as Search and Rescue is concerned. In the last Annual Report comment was made on the preparedness of the Club in the event of a major search and rescue incident. As a Club we lack active members with S.A.R. experience. We have plenty of younger less experienced members. I repeat the recommendation of your last President that the incoming Committee again reviews Search and Rescue organisation within the Club with a view to increasing preparedness and the number of fit experienced men available. The Club should continue to make a major contribution to this important community service.

ARM CHAIR TRAMPERS

It is recognised that many members have responsibilities and interests outside tramping. However, it remains a source of constant disappointment that many members go on very few trips. If the fault lies with the management of the Club this should be corrected tonight. If you have any ideas or suggestions I am sure that the incoming, Committee will be anxious to hear them. The Club needs the active support of its members. Please try to get out at least twice a year - you might even enjoy it!

FINANCE

The Club's financial position is satisfactory as shown in the financial statement (to be presented). There appears to be no reason why subscriptions should not remain at the present level.

Kevin Pearce,
PRESIDENT.