

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER 4/72

COMING EVENTS

23rd March. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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.

AGENDA

Apologies
Reading of the Minutes of the last A.G.M. and matters arising.
President's Report.
Financial Statement.
Election of Officers.
Setting of Subscriptions for the coming year.
Discussion of six monthly trip schedules.
Motion: that a Chief Guide be elected to the Executive Committee.
Committee.
General.

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

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

31st March-4th April. EASTER TRIP TO MOUNT TARAWERA.

Trip Leader: Roger Lander (In Australia till 30th March) Acting for the Leader:
Lawson Pither, Phone 85-616.

Transport: To be provided from amongst those going.

Leaves Izadium Friday 31st March, 6 a.m.

Subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with drivers it is hoped that it will be possible to have transport returning to Palmerston North on Monday and Tuesday for those people who start back at work on Wednesday.

Trip Grading: Medium Easy.

Transport should move off as near as possible to 6 a.m. and allowing for refreshments all should have arrived at Waimangu with the party ready to move off by mid-day. Rogers says that the track through the Waimangu thermal area and around the West side of Lake Rotomahana is suitable for under average trampers with guidance.

The camping place for Friday night will be at Ropatu Bay. Roger's plans for the rest of the weekend are secret but those returning on Monday, should be home in time for the evening meal.

GEAR: Take warm clothing, groundsheets or sleeping bag covers, and wet weather gear. Shorts will be needed while tramping but it is possible that the weather could be rather cold, so take woollen cloths to change into at the end of the day.

ACCOMMODATION: Be prepared to camp in tents as huts at this time are expected to be full.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS:

Breakfasts: Macaroni cheese (to be provided)
Rice and raisins (two meals)
Dried fruit

Lunches: Bread, butter, cheese, jam, honey, tinned meat.

Evening meals: Enough for 1 meat meal (about ½ lb stewing steak) and 3 meals bacon. Bonpack soup mix, dehy veggies (Surprise carrots and peas or beans; not all peas please.) Dehy potatoes, instant onions.

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29th-30th April. MAUNGAEHUEHU HUT.

From the Ohakune Mountain Road this is an easy track to the Maungaehuehu Hut on the Southern side of Mount Ruapehu. A fit trip will also be arranged for those who wish it.

Grading: (Easy)

(Fit)

Cost: \$2.50 approx.

Leader: Mike Bysouth, 79-702.

NOTICES.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions are now due. Come along to the AGM on Thursday and help decide how much you owe by way of subs.

Members wishing not to renew their subscriptions are reminded of their obligations to advise the Secretary of such. 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.

PAST EVENTS

12th-13th February. LOWER TAUHERENIKAU RIVER.

Three would-be fit members went on an easy tramp. With a huff and a puff up the puffer we descended down the Smith's Creek track, to Tauherenikau Hut.

We reached Allaway-Dickson Hut at 12.30 (just in time for lunch) after Ian had explored further a field trying to find it. While eating lunch four hut wreckers appeared so we decided to clear out (we were also scared of rats) back to the Tauherenikau Hut.

Sunday morning dawned an overcast morning, and while going down the Tauherenikau River the sun often shone. At first, we were piking, trying to avoid getting wet. Once wet we went on the rampage. We ran down through the water. We found pack floating exciting. Some of the pools were 30' – 40' long. After four hours in the water the wind made it cold and it was a welcome sight to see Kevin appear down the track.

Trip members: Peter Darroch, Ian Hoare, Owen Robinson. A special thanks to Kevin for providing the wheels.

19th February. BUSHCRAFT.

REPORT OF PARTY 1

THE CONFRONTATION OF EDWARDS SHELTER.

We made our way up the Makaretu River gazing conscientiously at the map and dedicatedly marking off each landmark as we came to it. Under the direction of Russell and myself our workers lit two fires which were fine examples of our skill. Erstwhile we came across the group likewise engaged, who found it very difficult to even light one member's pipe!

At this juncture we were interrogated by their leader as to our location. He made most uncouth comments like "I wish to interview you two back at the car, quietly." or "See you sometime Wednesday," when we told him our location with great accuracy.

Somewhile afterwards, using woman's intuition (despite the scoffing of certain males) and with great sacrifice to ourselves we arrived within two minutes of Edwards Shelter, thence to find no sign of our rivals who finally arrived, appearing ten minutes further down the track, all full of excuses.

Members: Both male and female, Russell Johnson, and others.

BUSHCRAFT, PARTY 11

Three teams of four members each took part in a successful navigational exercise in the Tararuas near Levin. The object of the exercise was to go up the Makaretu Stream from the Ohau Pipe Bridge until the low Edwards Shelter and then to climb up, coming

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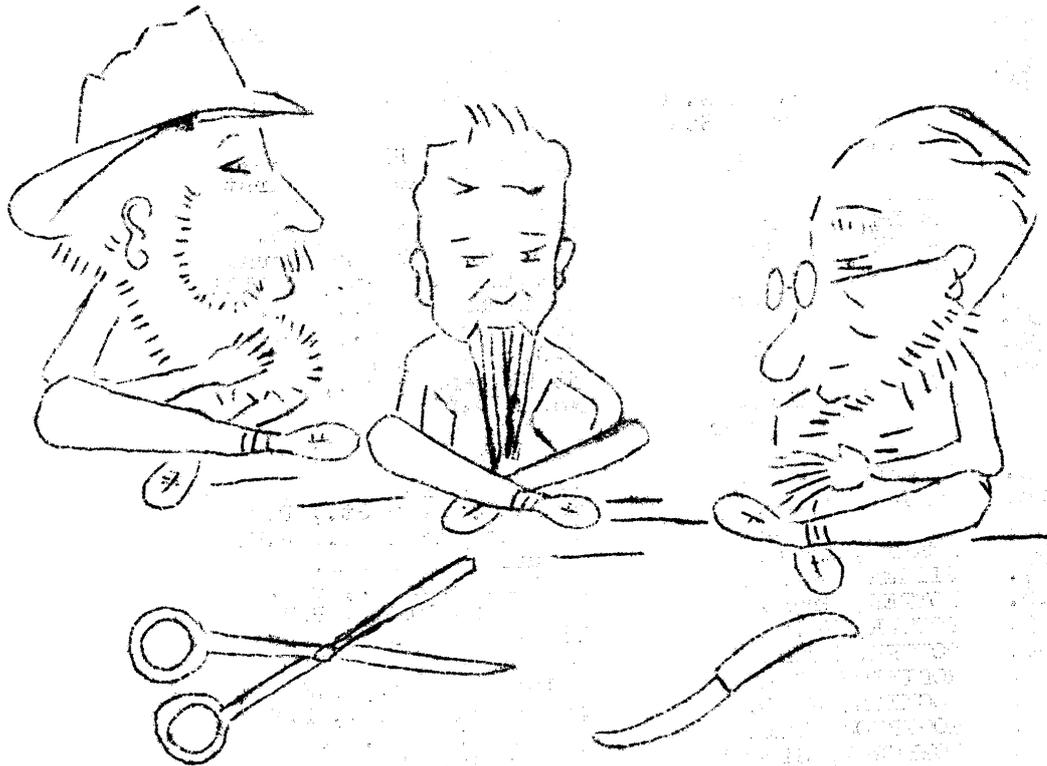
CLUB GEAR:

The following is a list of gear owned by the Club which may be hired from the Gear Custodian:

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| 4 tents | 1 fly |
| 2 ice axes | 4 1 pt. fuel bottles |
| 2 primuses | 3 sleeping bags |
| 1 sleeping bag cover | first aid kit |
| 4 8 pt. billies | 3 6 pt. billies |
| 2 4 pt. billies | 1 large pack |
| 1 small pack | 1 small axe |
| 1 machete | 1 pr. crampons |
| 1 pr. boots | 2 climbing ropes |
| 1 all purpose rope | 3 parkas |

THIS MONTH'S TALKING POINT.

It has been noticed by the more sensitive sex in the club that after each Christmas trip there is a tendency in the male members to a growth affliction on their usually smooth chins. It has been suggested that members should be of mature years before trying to grow beards. However, research is being done on this virulent complaint before the drastic measures are taken with scissors and shears.



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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. Tris 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. To Christmas trips visited the South Island of 10 and six 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 frostbite, now fully healed, there have been no serious injuries. Membership stands at 74.

CLUB NIGHTS

Club nights have continued to be held monthly was good attendances. The highlights of the year, were the visit by Graeme Dingle in June and was at 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 printing and a large decrease in the printing time (from about two hours to as little as 15 months.) , favorable comments have been received from many quarters, and we must continue enact efforts to stay away from the 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 caught 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 the 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 the 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.