

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC).

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NEWSLETTER 6/72

COMING EVENTS

25th May. CLUB NIGHT.

7:30 p.m. at the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St., behind the West End Chemist.

A talk on Forest Protection will be presented by Tom Cookson of the Forest Service.

SUPPER DUTIES: Russell Johnson, Denis Arnott, Peter Baxter.

27th-28th May. TE HEKENGA CROSSING

Tukituki to Rangiwahia on the tops via Howletts – Te Hekenga - Manungamahue.

Be prepared for typical terrible Ruahine weather. Anyone who can kindly assist with transport please contact trip leader.

Grading: F.E. Cost: \$3.50 approx.

Depart Izadium: 7 p.m. Friday night. Leader: Brad Owen, 83-467.

28th May. RANGIWAHIA

Grading: Medium Easy Cost: \$1.50

Leader: Ian Hoare, 83-448 Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Sunday.

3-4-5th June. NORTHERN CROSSING. Queen's Birthday

On this Northern Crossing of the Tararuas storm gear will be necessary.

Grading: F.E. Cost: \$4.00

Depart Izadium: 5:30 p.m. Friday Night. Leader: Ron Stretton, 84-925.

4th-5th June. MITRE FLATS.

Grading: Easy. Cost: \$3.00

Depart Izadium: 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Leader: Owen Robinson, 88-512

10th-11th June. COPPERMINE-WHARITE

Grading: Easy. Medium Easy

Cost: \$1.00 Depart Izadium: 7.00 a.m. Saturday

Names to: Trevor Stretton, 84-925

15th June. COMMITTEE MEETING:

7:30 p.m. at Sue Streeter's, 32a Rangitira St.

17th-18th June. WAITEWAEWAE

Grading: Easy Cost: \$1.60

Leave Izadium: 6:30 a.m. Saturday

Names to: Trevor Stretton, 84-925

25th June. IRON GATE.

Grading: Easy Cost: \$1.50 approx.

Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Sunday. Leader: Bruce Lockwood, 75-826

29th June. CLUB NIGHT.

7:30 p.m. at the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St.

NOTICES

It is with regret that we note the apparent disappearance of Club member Malcolm Watson, who is believed to have been accidentally killed while climbing the Otira face of Mount Rolleston on April 3rd, 1972. Malcolm joined the Club in 1968 and was extremely keen rock climber.

LAST CLUB NIGHT -- SLIDE COMPETITION

Mr. John Cleland, to whom we are indebted for judging the competition, had much praise for the colour slides entered, and said that the photographic ability of members had definitely improved during the years that he had been judging. He suggested that for future slide competitions it would be a help if the slides were submitted to the judge about two weeks before the competition date for a preview.

The winners were:

Class	1.	Flora & Fauna	Peter Sutcliffe
"	2.	Tramping Subjects	Peter Sutcliffe
"	3.	Open	Ina Te Wiata

LACK OF TRANSPORT FOR TRIPS.

The problem of supplying sufficient transport for tramping trips has often been difficult but has now reached an alarming situation. Many trips have had to be cancelled because of the "lack of transport". The proportion of members with cars available for trips has become less. If the faithful few with cars are not going on a trip it is often cancelled. This causes particular concern as we have an increasing number of junior members who are becoming frustrated because of cancelled trips. The future of our club depends on their continued interest.

Would all members give this matter their urgent concern. The committee has investigated the usual source of hire vehicles, but the cost is prohibitive. If all the members discuss this problem with their parents, friends and associates, someone may come up with a solution. There maybe some person who you know, who is willing to hire out a truck or van to the club at weekends at a nominal rental. Please give this matter your urgent attention. If you have any ideas or solutions please ring Bruce Lockwood, 75-826 evenings.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Have you overlooked paying your sub?

This could be your LAST newsletter. Those members who have not paid subscriptions are asked to do so in order that they may continue to receive their newsletters, as newsletters cost money to produce. Members, not wishing to renew their subs are reminded of their obligation to notify the Secretary of their resignation.

PALMERSTON NORTH SEARCH & RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 29/3/72

The Club's S.A.R. delegates, Kevin Pearce and Russell Johnson attended this meeting. Police Sgt. K. Wrigley, read to the meeting from records kept, Search & Rescue activities in the district during the past 12 months. There were 11 Class 2 Operations, 7 Class 2 Alerts, 7 Class 1, which could have developed to Class 2, Operations. (Class 1 involve Police only, but Class 2 includes civilians with a civilian Search Controller.) There were 2 close to shore searchers that were not included in the records. Both were in relation to flares used at sea. Mr. Meyer, Otaki, who mentioned these 2, commented that the Japanese fishing vessels were causing some inconvenience by using various coloured rockets to recall their fishing dories.

It was decided that later in the year we should hold a Trial Search involving Mountain personnel and Close to Shore (Boating) personnel. It was also decided to hold, if possible, first aid evenings where the finer points of Rescue first aid could be discussed.

Mr. I Dodunski (P.N. Surf Life Saving) advised the meeting that a 16 ft. unsinkable Hamilton Jet Rescue Craft was being purchased for use along the coast.

Would all those interested in this type of voluntary work please contact Kevin or Russell. Exceptional fitness is not essential because some searches involve only a search of flat areas where numbers only are required.

WARNING

The F.M.C. in their February bulletin, have published a warning from the Electricity Department that "River levels can rise very rapidly downstream of Hydro-Electric dams and control works. The public are warned to take extreme care. The danger is obviously greatest within a mile or two downstream of Hydro Power Stations and control works and this Department has erected warning notices at many points of common public access."

For a list of rivers affected you may ring the secretary, 77-668.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome this extended to:

Raewyn Lees, Aokautere, R.D. 1, Palmerston North.

Christine Batt, 569 Featherston St., Palmerston North.

DEERSTALKER'S BALL

The Manawatu Branch of the N.Z. Deerstalkers' Association have sent to our Club an invitation to attend their 21st Annual Dinner & Ball on Saturday, 24th June at 6:30 p.m. Subscriptions \$7.50 single, \$15.00 double. Details from Heather Crabb, 77-668.

TRAMPING EQUIPMENT

Equipment recommended for tramping on tops of mountain ranges or snowcraft. e.g. Taranua Crossing.

1. Raingear (overstrousers)
2. Woollen mittens (waterproof overmitts useful.)
3. Sun or ski glasses.
4. Woollen headgear (e.g., balaclava)
5. Long woollen trousers.
6. Suncream (Snowcuffs helpful.)
7. Extra dry warm clothing.
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CLUB LIBRARY

Members are reminded of the Library consisting mainly of F.M.C. bulletins and other Clubs' Journals which are available for lending to Club Members. Chief Librarian: Adrian Turner, Phone 79-586.

LOG BOOK

Trip Leaders, please write up your reports as soon as possible after trips while details are fresh in your minds. The Log Book provides an interesting and informative record of past trips and must be kept up to date. Descriptive information on the type of terrain covered, condition of tracks, noting any improvements or deterioration if leader has been there before, and trip grading is required for reference on further trips. Mileage by road would also be a help. A certain amount of poetic license will be allowed. Separate accounts may be written for the Log Book and newsletter at the writers discretion.

PHOTO ALBUM

The Club's photo album is on display at Club Nights. There are many excellent photos of members on past trips which had been donated to the club. (Hint)

PAST TRIPS

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

68-69-70-71 in a minute. That's after climbing 2,000 ft. 71 heart pulses in a minute - that serves to show the shocking state of fitness that the party's leader was in.

Anyway be made Colenso after climbing from the Kawhatau Base Hut in about 2½ hours. Another half hour saw us in Bruce Hut - a derelict hut on the northern slopes of the Mokai Patea Range. After several unsuccessful attempts at bashing mice we decided by democratic process to head for Crow Hut. In gathering mist we proceeded along the Mokai Patea Range before dropping into the Kawhatau River and Crow Hut.

A late start on Sunday saw was heading down the river back to Kawhatau Base. After 3½ hours scrambling down the very eroded river we reached the cars and thence a warm ride home along a very dusty road.

Those Participating: Kevin Pearce, David Hay, Ian Hoare.

EASTER TRIP TO TARAWERA

We wish to apologise for our inability to publish "The truth in this issue – but - confidentiality, someone is keeping suspiciously quiet, and we are left with the question "Does this have anything to do with someone's frequent disappearances from the camp on the shores of Lake Tarawera?"