



**PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING &
MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)**
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

NEWSLETTER

Hon. Secretary,
Heather Crabb, 77-668.

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COMING EVENTS.

30th Sept.-1st October. BUSHCRAFT COURSE.

The course will be held in a vast stand of privately owned native bush that extends out from the State Forest, 50 miles from the city. The camp site is about a ¾ hour tramp from the road. Instruction will be given on building emergency shelters and most aspects of bushcraft. Take normal overnight gear including sleeping bag cover, Ongaonga Map NZMS 1 N140, Bushcraft Manual, torch & compass. Extra compasses will be provided. Do not purchase one especially for this course. If possible take these items: Polythene sheet 6 ft. X 9 ft. (5 thou. Thick), pieces of twine or cord totalling 20 ft. (or more), 12 yards of 100H nylon rope (or hemp), sheath knife.

Grading: Easy. Cost: \$0.60.
Contact Russell Johnson, phone 87-777.

28th September. CLUB NIGHT.

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7:30 p.m.

Instruction in map and compass reading will be given on this night in preparation for the Bushcraft weekend. Be sure to come and participate in this useful practice.

SUPPER DUTIES: Ian Hoare, Richard Clarke, Peter Colpman.

8th October. BLUE RANGE.

Grading: Easy. Cost: \$2.00 approx.
Depart Izadium: 7.00 a.m. Leader: Karyn Bishop, 84-925.

11th October. COMMITTEE MEETING.

At Trevor Stretton's, 28, Carroll St., at 7:30 p.m.

14th-15th October. TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK.

Cost: \$4.00 approx. Names to Trevor Stretton 84925.
Leader: Sue Streeter.

More details will be given nearer the date of the trip.

21-23rd October. WAIKAREMOANA

A Labour weekend trip to this lovely National Park.

Grading: Easy and Medium. Cost: \$6.00 approx.
Depart Izadium: 5:50 p.m. Friday Night. Leader: Eleanora Schlee.

28th-29th October. RANGI WORK PARTY.

Names to Trevor Stretton, phone 84-925.

26th October. CLUB NIGHT.

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7:30 p.m.

SUPPER DUTIES: Owen Robinson, Judith Domney, Glenn Dixon.

NOTICES.

END TO TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

It is with pleasure that we have to announce that the club has become the proud owner of a vehicle. Thanks to Lawson Pither who has donated generously to the club a 1941 Chevrolet Van. It has a sound motor but some alterations and repairs are needed on the body. A sub-committee, consisting of Trevor Stretton, Russ Johnson and Keith Potter, has been set up to arrange the Maintenance of the vehicle. If anyone knows of parts that can be procured for the van or if anyone would like to help in its restoration please contact one of the above. It can be viewed at 28 Carroll St.

PAST TRIPS

11th-13th August. SNOWCRAFT II

THE TRUE STORY.

Contrary to popular belief, we three didn't get lost but plotted a brilliant plan, for we decided that an alpine hut would be much more secure than one of our leader's feeble snow caves. For, which Kevin fell.

One point that arouses attention is that while approaching that unforeseeable bluff our gallant instructor chose to remain at the rear. Later, when our courageous member discovered the cornice edge, Kevin, our omniscient instructor, had to be informed as he didn't miss him.

LEADER'S PRIVILEGES.

Regarding the privileges of trip leaders, which must be nullified as I am all for equality thus having informed an organisation, "T.I.M." (Tramp our Inequality in Membership), I have appointed myself President, and require members for an "Action" committee.

26th-27th August. CONSERVATION EXERCISE.

Over three thousand trees were planted in the Oroua Valley during the weekend. Areas planted bordered onto those planted this time last year. Of the radiata pines and popular cuttings planted last year no more than half a dozen were seen to have died -- if we get the same results this time there will be a real forest up there. I have never seen so many trees planted with so much loving care and precision.

Permission to use a wool shed at the end of Table Flat Road was gained from the owner, Mr. D. Paterson, who gave us a bag of two dozen eggs when we called in to see him on the way in on Saturday. Chris Coe, the Forestry Field Officer for the area, was waiting there for us. After dumping our gear in the wool shed we watched Chris give a 'demo' on the correct method of planting the trees. Buckling on a planting bag each we filled them with trees, picked up a grubber (one experienced tree planter was actually observed selecting a decrepit, the short bladed BUT LIGHT grubber -- such manners, with older members present!) and moved off down to the planting area. Two thirds of the trees were planted this day.

For the evening meal we split voluntarily into three groups and before long three self appointed chefs (the Whitehead, Neill, Dench Consortium), accompanied by an assortment of servants were seen hovering over their great steaming pots of mouth watering delicacies. Lighting effects for this great event, which was carried out in an old whare near the wool shed, was provided by Messrs. Stretton & Johnson Ltd. (Very limited!) With various parts from the cars enough light was available for the talks to see what they were cooking but not what you were eating! And the words of Sir Windstill, Downhill, "Never before in the annals of camp

cooking has so much been cooked for so many by so few!" The hours until sunrise were spent playing cards, stalking unseen possums and sleeping.

Sunday dawned bright and clear -- and the ground covered in snow. A car load of Manawatu Deerstalkers who arrived to plant trees near their Lodge, brought news of the people in Dannevirke skiing on 5" of snow in the main street, and of a heavy fall on Tararuas.

After breakfast we collected the rest of our trees and planted them on and around a slip 15 minutes from the wool shed.

Lunch time found us boiling the billy at the Manawatu Deerstalkers' Lodge. The afternoon was spent someway up Tunupo Ridge stuffing snow down various necks and the odd rock in someone's pack! Even departure time had its moments -- a puncture. We arrived back at the Police Station, to pick up the trip list, just on dusk.

Those on the trip were: Glenn Dixon, Maryann Whitehead, Shirley Whitehead, Chris Dench, Pauline Gibbons, Tim Short, Trevor Stretton, Vivien Mawson, Owen Robinson, Margaret Holterman, Philip Nell, Gary McKay, Russell Johnson (weekenders) and Adrian Turner and Peter Croad (Sunday support group.)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

Vivien Mawson, 4 Manson St., P.N.

Margaret Holterman Ten Hove, 80 Slacks Rd., P.N.

Tim Short, P.O. Box 26, P.N.

Allan Stretton, 3 R.D., P.N.

Gary McKay, 189, Vogel St., P.N.

Philip Nell, 181 Vogel St., P.N.

Alastair Gaisford, 35 Keeling St., P.N.