



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.

21st-23rd October. WAIKAREMOANA.

Grading: Easy and Medium.
Cost: \$6.00 approx.
Depart Izadium: 5:50 p.m. Friday night.
Leader: Elli Schlee, phone 84-925.

26th October. CLUB NIGHT.

A talk on food for long trips such as Christmas trips will be presented by a member of the club. Also Keith Potter has consented to show us some slides taken on some of his travels, and he will demonstrate how to manufacture a stretcher using a Mountain Mule pack.

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

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

28th-29th October. RANGI WORK PARTY.

Names to Trevor Stretton, phone 84-925.

5th November. BAR-B-CUE. LONDON'S FORD.

Access will be from the Pohangina side via Kimbolton, over the bridge, turn right and go along the eastern side of the river. If in doubt contact, Russ Johnson, 87-777 or Trevor Stretton, 84-925.

Easy Family trip. Depart Izadium: 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Names to Trevor Stretton, phone 84-925.

Trip cost for those who have not their own transport will be 90c.

There will be contests and games planned for the day and camp fire and singing at night. Provide your own food.

Suggestions: Savs., sausages, steak, bread, butter, frying pans and billies. Cooking will be done over open fires.

If alcoholic drinks are taken, they are to be consumed at the cars only.

12th November. OHAU.

Grading: Easy Cost: \$1.10 approx.

Depart Izadium: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

Names to: Ian Hoare, phone 83-448.

15th November. COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

18th-19th November. S.A.R. EXERCISE.

Only people who are S.A.R. Volunteers.

Names to Russell Johnson, phone 87-777 if possible at least two weeks beforehand.

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25th-26th November. ROARING STAG LODGE.

Grading: Easy. Cost: \$2.00 approx.
Depart Izadium: 7.00 a.m. Saturday. Leader: Tim Short, phone 76-906.

30th November. CLUB NIGHT.

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7:30 p.m.
A science advisor is coming to talk on aspects of outdoor education particularly related to the natural environment.

SUPPER DUTIES: Trevor Stretton, Chris Dench, Peter Darroch.

PLEASE NOTE: Supper duties include setting out cups and saucers, biscuits and sugar, making and pouring tea and coffee, washing and drying dishes and leaving the kitchen and clean and tidy as you found it. In the case of a supper duty nominee not being able to attend it is his/her responsibility to arrange for a substitute or contact the secretary.

3rd December. GRANDE ANNUAL DINNER.

At our own little home in the hills, Rangiwahia. Owing to the size of the dining room numbers will be limited to 20 persons. Please get your names in early or you could miss out.

WANTED URGENTLY: One Master Chef, two Assistant Chefs and two or three Scullions to go up on Saturday 2nd December to prepare for the big day, ie: three ladies with a knowledge of the culinary arts and two or three strong man. Please give your names to Trevor Stretton, phone 84-925.

We invite nominations for the following awards, to be presented at the Grande Annual Dinner. Nominations to 28 Carroll St., 84-925, before the 30th November. Must include reasons for nomination, need not be signed.

1. Roller Skater Trophy -- for the person with the most remarkable wheels.
2. Firefly Diploma.
3. Pathfinder Trophy -- for the person whose pathfinding efforts are noteworthy.
4. Lingering Leader's Licence.
5. Hot Air Blower's Certificate.
6. Pitbashers Trophy -- for one known for his/her dormant abilities.
7. Diligent Seeker's Diploma -- for one who seeks diligently -- anything!
8. Pooh Trophy -- for the proof that old trampers never die, they just smell that way.
9. Shutterbug Trophy -- for the most prying camera.
10. The Ardent Knight Medal -- for a man known for his chivalrous treatment of ladies.

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CHRISTMAS TRIP.

A responsible and reasonably experienced person is required to lead the trip to the Heaphy and Wangapeka area. Any person wishing to further his/her experience in organising trips please contact Trevor Stretton as soon as possible. Phone 84-925.

NOTICES.

MAPS.

The club has purchased a number of maps which are available from the Treasurer at his home address or on club night. Maps include NZMS1 Onga Onga, Tararua, Wangapeka Track, Heaphy Track, Ruapehu Ski Fields, Urewera National Park.

Contact Bruce Lockwood, phone 75-826.

PAST TRIPS.

23rd-24th September. SNOWCLIMB.

Misleading directions by the leader, loss of a sense of direction (to be repeated) by the front runners, amnesia by those who had done the trip before and herd instinct by the rest of the mob, allowed the bulk of the party to start on a round a mountain tramp instead of heading up for Kapuni Lodge. However, they were rounded up and shepherded onto the correct track, eventually arriving at the Lodge at lunch time, soon to be joined by two of the Club's hard men, beaten back by terrible conditions (so they said.) It didn't look too bad outside to the rest of us, so some went for a pre-dinner stroll, while the others played in the snow with their ropes and axes and things.

Sunday morning the leader was woken at 6.00 a.m. by an insomniac and in order not to lose face he had to get up and then make everyone else do likewise. An hour and a half later we tied on our bits of mountaineering gear and waddled off on cramponned feet, leaving two behind to sunbathe on a rug (very cosy.) Well, we all made the summit after a bit of a sweat, all that is save one, who showed his maturity by spurning the final few feet, and instead started larking about on some very steep ice on the crater face of the Shark's Tooth, while we sat watching, eating and giving advice.

The descent went smoothly, which was just as well, as most of it was made sitting down. With the departure from the mountain of all the group, the trip leader's cares evaporated only to return again at the 11.00 p.m. when parents started phoning to report, no re-appearance of their children. Apparently, one carload was confused by the cunningly placed bandstand in Manaia; fortunately was just a temporary confusion because their innate sense of direction, sharpened by many years of tramping, told them that when they got to New Plymouth they were heading in the wrong direction, otherwise they may well have got lost.

Trip members: Pauline Gibbons, Eleanor Schlee, Sue Streeter, Jane Scrymgeour, Adrienne Thompson, Trevor Stretton, Kevin Pearce, Lawson Pither, Chris Dench, Tony Croad, Tim Short, Brad Owen, Bruce Lockwood.

30th September-1st October. BUSHCRAFT.

Saturday -- 14 members and non members, all loyal devoted trampers departed at 007-15 hours from the Izadium. A bright spring morning brought an odd colour arrangement of bush singlets and shirts as we reached the property of Mr. S.B. Clifton, on whose property we were to camp. A pleasant ¾ hour walk was rewarded by wet socks and a medium sized clearing -- perfect for our bivouac building attempts. Some helpful hints on conservation, roping holds and knots from Russell and we went about our construction of the bivouacs. Numerous spots were chosen, logs, rocks, mounds and a dry creek bed. Trees were being chopped down the left, right and centre but very little to show for it. Finally half a dozen fragile looking but very practical bivvy frames were abandoned for lunch. After lunch, we applied the finishing touches. Russell, Keith and Roger then gave us a demonstration on pitching a tent fly and tent and how to pack a pack probably. Our bivouacs were inspected and all rated very high for beginners. Fires were lit and tea cooked. Then, a moonlight congregation gathered around the main fire, and soon after we retired.

Sunday -- after breakfast, some energetic members went for a short walk up the stream a way. By the time, we returned the day trippers had arrived. We then attempted to learn to set up a compass. After lunch we took off in two teams on a compass bearing of 12°, our destination -- never reached but we all arrived back safely to the campsite.

We cleaned up and strolled back up the track to the cars. A short drive and we were down at the Oroua River for river crossing attempts. After changing our clothes, we drove to Apiti for ice-creams and then home, arriving back at the Police Station at about 600.30 Hours. All in all a very successful weekend.

A special thank you to Mr. Clifton for the valuable use of his land.

Party members: Russell Johnson, Keith Potter, Roger Clarke (Instructors), Ross Johnson, Christine Baxter, Julian Flavall, Anne Clark, Ann Hayman, Peter Darragh, Allan Stretton, Mary-Ann Whitehead, James Read, Martin Speller, John MacFarlane, Tim Short, Judith Domney, Glen Dixon.

Sunday only: Heather Crabb, Ian Hoare, Sue Streeter.