



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

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS.

24th APRIL WEDNESDAY CLUB NIGHT – ANNUAL SLIDE COMPETITION

The judging of the slide competition will take place in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, on Wednesday commencing at 7-30pm. This is an annual event and a very entertaining one at that. Please endeavour to arrive on time so that we can start the evening on time.

27th APRIL POHANGINA -- TAMAKI CROSSING OF THE RUAHINES

A low level river crossing of the Ruahines. It is not often that you get the chance to make such a crossing in one day.

Leader : Tim Short Phone 76-906
Grading : F.E.
Depart : Izadium 6-00am Saturday
Cost : \$1-80

27-28th APRIL TAMAKI -- POHANGINA CROSSING OF THE RUAHINES

A more leisurely version of the above but in reverse order.

Leader : Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925
Grading : Medium
Depart : Izadium 6-00am Saturday
Cost : \$1-80

27-28th SAREX

2nd MAY THURSDAY DEBATE AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY

The Massey University Alpine Club has had the audacity to challenge us to a debate. They claim that "Trampers are Ecologically Catastrophic". We require a large delegation to give moral support to our debating team, and so help to put them right on this matter. If you require transport out to Massey please ring Trevor Stretton 84-925 by Wednesday night.

Venue : Room SS1, Massey University, Commencing 8-00pm.

3-5th MAY RANGIWAHIA -- HOWLETTS CROSSING

The Ruahines answer to the "Southern Crossing". Storm gear and torch are essential for this crossing of the Ruahines.

Leader : Tim Short Phone 76-906
Grading : F.E.
Depart : Izadium 7-00pm Friday
Cost : \$4-00

4-5th MAY HOWLETTS HUT

The Ruahines strong-hold of the M.T.S.C.!
Names to Heather Crabb Phone 77-668
Grading : Medium
Depart : Izadium 6-00am Saturday
Cost : \$2.50

5th MAY TUKITUKI RIVER

An easy trip to the Eastern Ruahines. Come and watch the F.E's pass by.
Names to Heather Crabb Phone 77-668
Grading : Easy
Depart : Izadium 7-00am Sunday
Cost : \$2.50

11-12th MAY ORONGORONGAS

The "Orongorongas" lie to the East of Wellington Harbour. An attempt will be made on the mighty Mount Mathews, the highest point in the range.
Leader : Kevin Pearce
Names to : Phone 84-925 by 9th May
Grading : Medium
Cost : \$3-00
Depart : Izadium 6-00am Saturday

14th MAY COMMITTEE MEETING

378 Botanical Road to commencing at 7-30 pm.

18th MAY UKERUA BAY – KAREHANA BAY

An easy stroll along a rocky coastline. Bring something to drink as there is no fresh water. Those interest in the wildlife of the sea shore just have to come. Also:-

18th MAY ROCK CLIMBING TITAHU BAY

This is not an instruction course, and is only suitable for those with some previous experience.
Names to : Phone 84-925 by 16th May for both trips.
Grading : Easy
Depart : Izadium 7-00am Saturday
Cost : \$2.50

25-26th MAY RUAPEHU CLIMB

Mount Ruapehu is the North Island's highest peak. It is hoped that the weather, and snow conditions will permit a large contingent to reach the summit. Storm gear, and snow goggles are essential.
Leader : Kevin Pearce Names to Phone 84-925
Grading : Medium
Depart : Izadium assemble 5-45am for a 6-00am start Saturday
Cost : \$4-00

30th MAY CLUB NIGHT

Details next newsletter.

31st MAY – 3rd JUNE QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Details next newsletter.

CHRISTMAS TRIPS 1974/75

Arrangements for these have been complicated by uncertainty over the Lyttleton Ferry. All those persons definitely interested in a Christmas Trip should notify the Secretary before 14th May. This will in no way obligate them to go on a trip but will assist with planning. Possible trips are:- Rees -- Dart, medium to fit, 10 – 14 days, \$80.

Olivine Ice Plateau, F.E., 14 days, \$80

Arthurs Pass, medium, 8 -- 10 days, \$40

Gradings, length, and costs are all very tentative.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for all material for the newsletter is one day after the monthly Committee Meeting. Trip leaders must advise the editors of departure times and other details, or else these will be fixed without consultation. The editors are Kevin Pearce, and Trevor Bissell (Phone 71-955) who promise autocratic rule unless advised of the necessary details. Hand your trip accounts to either one of these tyrants.

FOUND

One pair of brown socks in Tim Short's car after the Pohangina Saddle trip, 9th March. Claim these from Heather Crabb, phone 77-668

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

To Janice Rockell who was swept off her feet in the latter portion of 73' and now is Janice Bold. She was married in Wanganui, with Ina Te Wiata (also club member) as one of the bridesmaids.

NOTICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS for the year ending 28/2/75 are now due. Please make your payment promptly to assist the Club. Those not wishing to renew their subscription should notify the Secretary.

Junior \$2-50 (over 14 years but still at school)

Senior \$4-00

Family \$5-00

Please consider this notice as your account.

NEW COMMITTEE

The following persons were elected at the recent A.G.M.

Patron : Mr. O Jensen

Secretary : Tim Short

President : Trevor Stretton

Treasurer : Mary-Ann Whitehead

Vice President : Ian Hoare

Auditor : Mr. L Pither

Committee : Kevin Pearce, Keith Margrain, Peter Croad, Russell Johnson, and Trevor Bissell.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Those who have volunteered for S.A.R. are advised that in future they will be required to take 4 days food when called out, unless otherwise directed. Those who have indicated that they are keen to be called out should endeavour to keep the required food on hand at all times to facilitate a rapid turn out in emergencies. A suggested food list featuring textured vegetable protein will be circulated later.

TRIP REPORTS

23-24th March KAPAKAPANUI -- NGATIAWA -- RENATA

We started off from Ngatiawa farm, as a gentle run, and later a sprint, catching up with the day trippers many times. Finally we made Kapakapanui Hut, where upon, the Non-Conformist sat down corrupting himself with a Play-Boy. Whilst the rest were told how it was better to leave a trampler with a broken back to die of exposure, than to move him, and by so doing cripple him.

Off again, upon reaching the ridge to Kapakapanui trig, we see the day trippers in the distance. We attack, but soon after we reach them, they made a retreat.

We sit, or lie awhile, and watch a plane top dressing fields below us, and make degrading comments to our Non-Conformist leader (jealousy gets you nowhere) Chief Guide saves the day, and we set about putting up the tent flies.

This done we have a brew, which is a problem, because there is not clean water around, only a bog hole.

Dinner was soon cooked, and after a short streak along the ridge, eaten, and then to bed, but not before sunset.

Morning comes, and the party split up with the oldies going in one direction, and the youngsters going to Renata Hut, where they are later picked up by Kevin.

Members (in their groups) were:-

Peter (Non-Conformist) Darragh leader Ann (cheat no1) Hayman

Anne (cheat no2) Clarke The Young Generation

Kevin (Chief Guide) Pearce James (First Aid) Read Mary-Ann (Cook) Whitehead Pam (route finder) Dicks The Other Lot

Note:- This censored report is true in every detail, and everything else said is all lies.

9th MARCH POHANGINA SADDLE

The 11 day trippers left the Izadium somewhere around 6 o'clock in the morning, and headed towards Moorcock Base.

We had hardly left the city limits when there was a shuffling of people in cars, and one car headed back to see where the others had got to. On finding them, we had a reshuffle, and continued on with the "game". Ross decided to go from Woodville to Dannevirke on an empty tank (saving petrol?), but we arrived uneventfully at the road end, managing to get in front of Tim's car without passing him. This aforementioned car then refused to proceed beyond the park boundary leaving the occupants to walk the rest of the way.

We eventually set off (5 hours after leaving P.N.) into the bush, and spent an hour bush-bashing until we found the track. We plotted on up to the hut in almost zero visibility. After a short time at the hut we headed back down to the cars, this time sticking to the track. On reaching the road, it started to rain (and how!). It was then that the advantages of taking a parka became evident.

The journey home was most terrible, and protracted, the details of which have been censored. Those taking part are to remain anonymous.

9-10th MARCH FULL POHANGINA

Perpetual lateness -- it has often been observed that certain members of the 'tramping' fraternity finds it impossible to maintain any sense of punctuality. Since every time 'lateness' has been classed as a showing of disrespect, and even taken by some as a personal insult. This some what narrow minded approach is now however changing, at last people are beginning to recognise 'lateness' for what it is a social disease affecting both mind, and body thus impeding any ability to judge time.

In the past 'trampers' affected by this disease have been the subject of ridicule, and abuse. On the above mentioned trip my colleagues, and I were presented with a unique opportunity to observe a chronic sufferer of the disease.

Following the characteristic late arrival the specimen in question tried to justify its 'lateness' (a classical symptom -- verbal diarrhoea), all excuses were of course worthless based on such physical objects as cars, and clocks. This first showing of 'lateness' was only the beginning, the specimen arrived late at the roadend, late for tea, and even late for breakfast. Although the specimen observed was a chronic case it is thought that even it is not beyond help, we have been assured that given the correct treatment it will be able to attend a moderate pattern of punctuality. Unfortunately recent discoveries have shown that 'perpetual lateness' is contagious being carried in the sleeping bag of affected specimens. As in most diseases prevention is the best cure so wherever possible stay in your own sleeping bag. Incidentally the above trip was completed successfully despite determined efforts to prevent it.

Trip Members: Kevin Pearce, Glenn Dixon, Tim Short, Keith Margrain.

A TRAVERSE OF MOUNT EGMONT & THE POUAKAIS EASTER 1974

Eric Short, Martin Speller, Keith Margrain, Glen Dixon, and Kevin Pearce traversed Mount Egmont, camping overnight on the summit, and seeing a real summit streaker on the way. From Holly Hut they crossed to the Pouakai Range, and again camped. During the night the weather deteriorated, as it was bound to do, there being no room for improvement. Our noble friends were not deterred however, and continued over Henry Peak to North Egmont, where they spurned the shelter of the Camphouse. On Monday the gallants rounded the Mountain to Stratford Plateau, and home.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1973-74

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you a report on our Clubs activities during its 8th year.

Trips ran on 49 of the 52 weekends of the year. My count of official trips was 19 day trips, and 46 weekend and longer trips. Apart from the Balfour Search, those in the Search and Rescue Organisation have not seen much excitement during the year. Three courses were run explaining the various aspects of S.A.R. It is pleasing to see many younger members joining in this important community service.

The death of Mr Vern Stout was a sad blow to all who knew him. Vernon and his wife Rhonda helped to found our Club and were of tremendous assistance during those early years. Being an instigator of the local S.A.R. Committee, and a member of the National Mountain Safety Council he was always ready to assist whenever possible.

Club Social Nights have been reasonably well attended, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Society of Friends for the use of their hall for these evenings. Membership today stands at 91.

The newsletter has continued to be a vital organ and if it is kept going in its present form, shall always be of great interest to members near and far.

Your Committee met on twelve occasions during the year and attendances have been good. At the beginning of the year they purchased three ice axes and five pairs of crampons, and this month a new primus and a second nylon fly are being purchased for the hire gear.

I went for a short drive in our Club vehicle recently and with a little more work on it, we should be able to put it into service. Rangiwahia Hut now has a new stove which should be installed before winter.

I have enjoyed being your President again this year, and I wish you all good tramping in the future.

I move that this report be accepted.

Russell Johnson
President

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