



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

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS.

30th May CLUB NIGHT – 'STUMP THE BRAINS TRUST'

Come along armed with topographical, and geographical questions on tramping in the Tararua Ranges. e.g. "What rivers drain the slopes of Mitre Peak?" "Where is Penn Creek?" "What is the longest river in the Tararua Range?" etc. etc. Two teams of three members will attempt to answer your questions. An exciting prize will be awarded to the winning team.

Also starring twenty minutes of Peter Sutcliffe, a legend in his own time. Peter has recently been banned from club slide competitions to give less talented members a sporting chance.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

1-3rd NORTHERN CROSSING

Full storm gear, and fitness will be necessary for this classic trip.

Leader	:	Keith Margrain Phone 79-303
Grading	:	F.E.
Depart	:	Izadium 6.30 p.m. Friday Night
Cost	:	\$4.50 approx.

2-3rd MITRE FLATS HUT

A trip to the Eastern Tararuas an easy stroll up the Waingawa River with possible climb of "The Mitre" for any enthusiastic types.

Names to Trevor Stretton	Phone 84-925
Grading:	Medium or Easy
Depart :	Izadium
Cost :	\$3.00

8-9th JUNE TE MATAWAI -- GIRDLESTONE SADDLE

See Western Tararuas behind Levin. A starting point for many "Tararua Classics"

Names to Heather Crabb Phone 77-668
Grading: Fit
Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.
Cost : \$1.60

9th JUNE OHAU RIVER

A beautiful way to spend a Sunday.

Leader : Ian Hoare Phone 83-448
Grading: Easy
Depart : Izadium 7.00 a.m.
Cost : \$2.50

15th-16th JUNE HIKURANGI RANGE -- KAWHATAU RIVER

An open tops trip to Western Ruahines, good views if weather is fine -- otherwise should still get views.

Leader : Tim Short Phone 76-906
Grading: Fit
Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.
Cost : \$2.50

16th JUNE DIGGERS HUT

A scramble up the Makawakawa Stream for those who can't make the weekend trip.

Names to Ian Hoare Phone 83-448
Grading: Easy
Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.
Cost : \$1.30

22-23rd JUNE MAKARETU -- HAPPY DAZE HUTS

Come, and see this part of the Eastern Ruahine Ranges. A part of the hills not frequently visited on club trips.

Leader : John Williams Phone 84-925
Grading: Medium
Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.
Cost : \$2.20

An F.E. trip in same area may also run.

For details Ian Hoare Phone 83-448

29-30th JUNE SHORTS -- DEERFORD TRACKS

A medium trip onto Ngamoko Range south of "Rangi" in Western Ruahines.

Names to Tim Short Phone 76-906
Grading: Medium
Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.
Cost : \$1.80

30th JUNE TOKA PEAK

An easy climb onto Toka Trig up Shorts Track.

Names to Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925
Grading: Easy
Depart : Izadium 6.30 a.m.
Cost : 2.30

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to:

Kay Nilsen, 65 Bourke Street, Palmerston North Phone 83-180
Robert Campbell, 8 Hammond Place, Palmerston North Phone 82-434
Stuart Taylor, C/- H.B. Smith, R.D. 3, Palmerston North Phone CNO 729
Mary Ryder, 224 Park Road, Palmerston North Phone 69-935

ATTENDANCE AT CLUB NIGHTS -- APRIL 1970 TO APRIL 1974

Total attendance	1261	Average/night	28.659090909090909'
Members	924	Average/night	21.000000
Non-members	337	Average/night	7.6590
Record attendance	51 @ 1973 AGM		

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ron Haxton who was married on 20th April to Julie Reid.

BEING KIWI-ISED (or Kissed)

For its sins Aotearoa is shortly to acquire a new citizen, the Perishing Pom himself. To mark the event – Ron Muldoon, and Big Norm permitting -- James hopes to invite you to a celebration barbecue, details of time, and place to be decided, and announced at club night.

MAP AND COMPASS EXERCISE

NZMS 1 Sheet N140

Identify the features at the following grid references, and determine the compass bearings between each pair of points. Answers next month.

(A) 517901 (B) 569856 (C) 538898 (D) 563924

NOTICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A further reminder that subscriptions for the year ended 28/2/75 are well, and truly overdue. The next newsletter will be the last to those who do not pay up in time!

Junior \$2.50 (over 14 years, but still at school)
Senior \$4.00
Family \$5.00

MAP SALES

Maps are available from the club at shop prices. Please contact Mary Ann Whitehead Phone 86-861

ACCESS TO FRANCIS, AKATARAWA

"The usual route, from the Cloustonville Bridge on Akatarawa Road, now belongs to the Salvation Army Bridge Programme.

This property is registered under the Alcoholism, and Drug Addiction Act as a rehabilitation centre. Trespass without permission, all the taking of alcoholic drink onto the property, is therefore prohibited. The owners are also concerned that no further damage to the old woodshed by the road occurs.

However, the Salvation Army are happy for tramping parties to use the route, but they ask that parties wishing to cross the land, first telephone the manager of the Recuperation Centre (Mr. McPhee, Phone 79-768) informing him of their intentions.

FOUND

Almost new, size 36 orange skivie, from a tramp unknown, please contact James Reid, Phone 84-925.

PAST EVENTS

20-21st APRIL SHINGLE SLIP KNOB

They did their duty, they did not fail, they did not pike, they upheld the glory, and honour of our Great Club. Weather did not deter them, they completed (almost) their task, and were able to sleep the sleep of the just. Who were these steadfast heroes? Why, Tim Short, Keith Margrain, and Kevin Pearce. On the way home they observed yet another streaker (see last week's newsletter). It was indeed a streak of considerable finesse, but it ended ignominiously, with the streaker trapped in the conveniences at Holdsworth Lodge.

24th APRIL SLIDE COMPETITION

A good turnout was present to hear Mr. John Cleland judge the Club's Annual Colour Slide Competition. In general, entries were of a good standard although there were a small number, which did not fit the classes in, which they were entered, or which lacked a tramping, or mountaineering flavour. The following persons were successful:

		<u>NOVICE</u>	<u>VETERAN</u>
Scenery	1 st	Tim Short	Kevin Pearce
	2 nd	John Ogilvy	Trevor Stretton
	3 rd	Shirley Whitehead	Mary Ann Whitehead
People	1 st	Peter Croad	Lindsay Sandes
	2 nd	Glenn Steward	--
	3 rd	Tim Short	--
Flora & Fauna	1 st	John Ogilvy	Mary Ann Whitehead
	2 nd	Peter Croad	--
	3 rd	Tim Short	--

It is clear that those who go on Christmas Trips are at an advantage compared with the stay-at-homes!

27-28th APRIL SAREX

The Palmerston North Police District Annual search, and rescue exercise (SAREX) was held at Camp Peak 27-28th April, 5 Club members in attendance. Saturday was spent on classroom work, interspersed with practical exercises. The helicopter, which was to be used in conjunction with Sundays mock search was grounded at New Plymouth by the weather, and had to be done without. Two "injured" persons were successfully located, and rescued on the Sunday.

The SAREX departed considerably from the pattern of previous years, and the Horowhenua SAR subcommittee is to be complemented on the success of the weekend. Club members taking part were: Keith Margrain, Keith Potter, Kevin Pearce, Brad Owen, and Trevor Stretton.

2nd MAY PNTMC VERSUS MASSEY DEBATE

On Thursday the 2nd of May 1974 Messrs James Reid, Kevin Pearce and Brad Owen defeated the Massey University Alpine Club debating team on their own ground. The Massey team of Colin Abbott, Nigel Bowen, and July Wagner presented a highly entertaining attack in an attempt to prove that "Trampers are Ecologically Catastrophic". We all enjoyed Nigel Bowen's performance of the more popular "bush sports" including some fishing, shooting, and camp cooking.

Colin Abbott's trampers with a small "t" and a Heavy Trudge clashed with a working

class Dr. Pearce and his angelic Trampers with a capital "T". The thoughts of Dr. Kevin on the magnitude of the catastrophic events, and the testimony of Brad Owen on the rugged tolerance of the wild mountain environment found favour with the judge Dr. Turzagghi, and Massey team was humbly awarded the apple pie.

A film on skiing, and an excellent supper with fruit cake completed a very successful evening.

Thanks to Brad Owen the club had a banner under, which to parade on the evening.

4-5th MAY TUKITUKI RIVER

Age Gives Wisdom.

Early on Saturday morning, members of PNTMC intended to set off for Howletts Hut. 6.00 departure time found James still peacefully sleeping, having slept through his alarm clock. 6.30 found 3 young wippersnappers around at 28 Carroll Street, rudely awakening the inhabitants thereof.

By 7.00 the party hit the trail, and headed for the Tukituki River, having got separated from Pete within the City itself. John resisted the temptation to dump one youngster on the way, who frowned upon his driving.

We waded up the Tukituki River, nobody quite sure where Daphne Hut was, and Vivian our supposed guide was little help there.

By the time we reached the Hut, James felt it was time to rest for the night, especially when 2 NZFS workers told the party it was a steep climb to Howletts. After some vacillation all the rest of the party headed for Howletts, leaving James in his warm abode.

The next morning the Howletts party came down to join him for a cup of tea. All set off down stream towards the Pikers Party who had just come for the day. We were told horrific tales of the cold in Howlett's.

One of the party in the F.E. group tore a tendon, Mr. & Mrs Speller are still deciding who ought to be horsewhipped, Martin, or the lunatics who thought up the tramp from Rangi! We hope to see you out again before too long Martin -- no Madam, don't keep him on a lead, he likes his exercise, and in all sports there is an element of risk, as his tramping Father knows.

Excitement didn't end with the completion of the walk, for we decided to call on a cafe in Dannevirke, which had just suffered a power cut. The staff had been trained by Messrs Laurel, and Hardy!