



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

## NEWSLETTER

3/75

Hon. Secretary,  
Trevor Bissell, 71-955  
Membership Enquiries  
Peter Croad, 80-284 (evenings)

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year ending 29<sup>th</sup> February 1976 are now due. Prompt payment helps the Club, and saves the Treasurer work. If you do not wish to renew your membership please advise the Secretary forthwith. Failure to do so leaves you liable for a subscription.

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| Family Membership | \$5.00 |
| Senior            | \$4.00 |
| Junior            | \$2.00 |
| (still at school) |        |

### COMING EVENTS.

#### 4-6<sup>th</sup> APRIL HIKURANGI RANGE -- FULL KAWHATAU RIVER

WESTERN RUAHINES – A TRIP for the fitter types with tops travel, and much river travel. A climb onto the Ruahines highest (MANGAWEKA) is included. Storm gear essential.

Leader : Keith Margrain Phone 79-303

Grading: Fitness Essential

Cost : \$2.50 Approx.

Depart : Izadium 6.30 p.m. FRIDAY

#### 5-6<sup>th</sup> APRIL HIKURANGI -- CROW HUT

A shorter version of the above trip. An ascent of Mangaweka is possible. Storm gear should be taken as trip will include some tops travel.

Leader : John Williams Phone 84-925

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$2.50 Approx.

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. Thursday at Tim Short's, 53 Waldegrave Street.

10<sup>th</sup> APRIL OUR PRESIDENTS BIRTHDAY

12-13<sup>th</sup> APRIL MAKARETU -- HAPPY DAZE HUTS

This trip and the eastern Ruahines will involve easy stream travel. It is ideally suited to new and intending members.

Leader : Ann Hayman Phone 73-991

Grading: Easy

Cost : \$1.50 Approx.

Depart : Izadium 7.00 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> APRIL CLUB S.A.R. INSTRUCTION COURSE

This year's course is aimed primarily at those who are new to Search and Rescue or who have only limited experience. However all Club members are welcome to attend. Only selected aspects of S.A.R. will be covered.

Please bring:- pen, paper, compass, parka, boots and lunch.

Organiser : Kevin Pearce Phone 76-198

Commencing : 9.00 a.m., Sunday at the Police Station

Finishing : About 4.00 p.m.

14<sup>th</sup> APRIL Closing Date for Entries in the Slide Competition.

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> APRIL MITRE – HOLDSWORTH

Who's climbed the Mitre? This trip in the southern Tararuas offers interested persons a chance of "Knocking off" the Tararuas highest peak. Storm gear will be required.

Leader : Trevor Bissell Phone 71-955

Grading: Fitness Essential

Cost : \$3.00 Approx.

Depart : Izadium 6.30 p.m. FRIDAY

19-20<sup>th</sup> APRIL HOLDSWORTH -- ATIWHAKATU STREAM

An easier trip in the same vicinity as the above-mentioned trip. Mt. Holdsworth may be "banged" by this party.

Names to, Tim Short Phone 76-906

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$3.00 Approx.

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

20<sup>th</sup> APRIL ATIWHAKATU STREAM

It is rumored Heather may come out of retirement to lead this one. An easy stroll up a pleasant stream behind Masterton.

Names to, Heather Crabb Phone 77-668

Grading: Easy

Cost : \$3.00 Approx.

Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL CLUB NIGHT.

Annual Photographic Competition.

This annual event has always been good value in the past. The quaint method of awarding prize money ensures some excitement. The rules for the competition are given elsewhere in this newsletter. (Please note the change of date from that given earlier.)

7.30 p.m. MONDAY and the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street.  
Closing date for entries is 14/4/75

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no club night on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

25-26-27<sup>th</sup> APRIL TARARUA MIDDLE CROSSING

Take advantage of this bonus long weekend to do what would normally be an F.E. trip. We start at Otaki and end up at Masterson via Waitewaewae, Park Forks, Dorset Ridge, and Mitre Peak.

Leader : Kevin Pearce Phone 76-198  
Cost : \$5.00 (a guess only)  
Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m. Friday Morning.  
Grading: Fit

25-26-27<sup>th</sup> APRIL WAINGAWA RIVER -- MITRE PEAK

Stroll into Mitre Flats and relax. When relaxed and after first nights duration a climb onto Mitre Peak should be possible by keener types. Relax again and wander out to cars. A pleasant trip in the eastern Tararuas.

Names to, Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$3.00 Approx.  
Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m. Friday Morning

26-27<sup>th</sup> APRIL MITRE FLATS

For those who have to mow lawns etc. an easy trip into Mitre Flats to meet the medium party.

Names to Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$3.00 Approx.  
Depart : Izadium 7.00 a.m. Saturday

NOTICES

Your New Committee and the A.G.M.

The following were elected at the A.G.M. held 13<sup>th</sup> March with 27 members in attendance.

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| Patron         | : Mr O Jensen                       |
| President      | : Tim Short                         |
| Vice President | : Peter Croad (Membership Convener) |
| Secretary      | : Trevor Bissell                    |
| Treasurer      | : Mary-Ann Whitehead                |
| Auditor        | : Mr L Pither                       |

|             |                 |                                       |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Committee:- | Kevin Pearce    | (Trip Convener)                       |
|             | Trevor Stretton | (Gear Custodian)                      |
|             | Ann Hayman      | (Social Convener)                     |
|             | Martin Speller  | (Librarian and Printer)               |
|             | John Williams   | (Newsletter Editor)                   |
|             | Pam Dicks       | (Co-opted to the Committee as Typist) |

#### Subscriptions.

The Annual General Meeting decided to maintain the subscriptions unchanged at last year's levels. Our financial year begins 1<sup>st</sup> March so subs are now due. Send your money order or cheque to The Treasurer, P.N.T.M.C., P.O. Box 1217, Palmerston North. Alternatively, hand the cash directly to Mary-Ann Whitehead next Club Night. (See details on the front page.)

#### New Trip Scheduled

The winter schedule of trips is now being compiled. If there are any areas you particularly want to visit or if you have any suggestions please contact the Trip Convener, Kevin Pearce, Phone 76-198 prompto.

#### Donation to the Bill Bridge Memorial Fund

The Committee has made a donation of \$10 to the fund which is to facilitate the distribution of the new bush craft film.

#### Warning Newsletter Deadline.

If trip leaders do not supply the trip Convener for the Newsletter Editor with details of departure times etc. before the newsletter deadline (the day after the Monthly Committee Meeting) these details may be decided without consultation with the leader. That is, if leaders do not tell us what they want to do we may have to decide for them so that the publication of the newsletter will not be delayed.

#### Warning Flooding in the Lower Mangahao

Water will be released from the No. 2 dam without warning during an indefinite period (weeks) beginning 7<sup>th</sup> April. Members are advised not to enter the river bed below the dam.

#### Warning No Hut

Te Matawai Hut is or has been demolished. The new hut will not be completed for some weeks.

#### COLOUR SLIDE COMPETITION RULES

- 1) A competitor may enter any number of slides.
- 2) A slide may be entered in one class only.
- 3) There will be two categories:-  
Novice, those who have not previously been placed in a slide competition.  
Veteran, all others.
- 4) There will be three classes; all which must have a tramping or mountaineering flavour.
  - a) People -- those slides in which trampers and other mountain people constitute the main interest.

- 4)cont. b) Natural History -- Flora and fauna.  
c) General -- slides where the interest is predominantly scenic.
- 5) No slide previously entered in a P.N.T.M.C. competition may be entered.
  - 6) First and second places will be awarded in all classes. The judges decision is Final.
  - 7) Each slide must be accompanied by an entrance fee of 5c.
  - 8) First places winners will receive two thirds the money collected in the class the balance going to the second place getter.
  - 9) To ensure slides are projected the right way all slide frames should contain a dot in the bottom left hand corner when held in hand for viewing. The entrants initials should appear somewhere on the frame.
  - 10) All entries must be handed to either Trevor Stretton 28 Carroll Street, or Russ Johnson, Bas Johnson Garage Main Street by 14/4/75. i.e. a week before the competition.
  - 11) LATE ENTRIES Late entries will be accepted up to the evening of judging if accompanied by a 5c late fee in addition to the 5c entry fee.
  - 12) Each slide must have been taken by person under whose name it is entered.

#### PRINT COMPETITION

This year there will also be a competition for Black and White, and Colour prints. The same rules as above will apply where appropriate substituting the word print for slide. Rule No. 9 maybe deleted from the section and in its place read:- All prints must have the entrants name or initials on the back and maybe titled.

Prints should be no larger than 7"X10".

#### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT (for the year ending 28/2/75)

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present the Ninth Annual Report of the P.N.T.M.C.

During the year the Club has run trips on 47 out of the 52 weekends, there being 24 day trips, 51 weekend trips and 3 Xmas and New Year trips, a total of 78 trips in all. Some of the trips of special interest were Easter 74 around Mt. Egmont, and the Xmas-New Year trips in the Kaimanawa range, Olivine Ice Plateau and The Rees and Dart River Valley.

The Club has also been involved in interclub activities with M.U.A.C. (debates and gourmet dinner), M.T.&S.C. (netball and soccer), and The Combined W.T.Cs. Sports Weekend (in which we had runners in both the junior and senior marathons). All those taking part in these activities seemed to enjoy them to the full and I hope that the Club keeps this up in future years.

Club members have been active in S.A.R. and S.A.R.Ex., I would like to thank all those who have taken part in this essential community activity. Our Club hut at Rangi has had work parties up to it to clean it up, dig new rubbish holes and to set the new stove safely in place. We have also got some novalite sheets from the Forest Service for the roof, which will have to be installed this year.

Throughout the year our gear hire has had some increases and replacements, with new billies to replace old ones, new ropes, new primusis, also one of the tents has had a floor put in to it. The Club this year put in for a subsidy from the Ministry of Sports and Recreation and have received the sum of \$82.00 to be spent on hire gear.

The Club has seen a decline in membership this year from 91 members last year to 70 members this year but it is good to see that there are still very active groups going out every weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee and all those who have helped to keep the Club going with trips, newsletters, and club night activities.

Trevor Stretton

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear .....

I would be grateful if you could put the following in the newsletter of the Club as unfortunately I missed the Annual Meeting of the Club and assuming you are still on the Committee.

Dear P.N.T.M.C. Members you'll notice that the title of our Club is Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club, and although it appears to me most of our members that participate in (fit and above) tramping trips can run "RINGS" around other Tramping Clubs I am familiar with it seems to me a disservice is being done by trying to 'Divorce' Skiing from mountaineering or in other words proficient Skiing is an INTEGRAL part of mountaineering if one wants to take up Mountaineering seriously.

Judging by the travels of Sue Streeter and Lawson Pither on the Continent their experiences would . . probably reinforce this fact and the New Zealand Alpine Institute has compiled a system or syllabus for grading Mountaineers for Instructors certificates and not very high up the grading is the requirement of proficient skiing requirement to pass the examination and thus earn as certificate an accredited 'instructor' of Mountaincraft teaching others for \$20 per day and upwards. (fees etc). I am referring to Members who may wish to take Mountaineering 'seriously' like Hoare, Margrain, Dixon, Darragh, Streeter, Croad, Stretton, Short, Bissell etc.

Anyone would be impressed with the agility of Graeme Dingle as a mountaineer and I have seen him also as a Ski Instructor on Ruapehu teaching School Physical Training teachers, and he-Dingle Skis like a deft-footed angel.

The Palmerston North Branch members can for the cost of \$5 only join the Manawatu Ski Club and have the use of their lodge and Ski rope tow on Ruapehu at members rates (the tow being free. The club owns it.) This is cheap compared with other outfits like the Feilding based Summit Skiers Inc. whom charge and entrance fee of \$50 plus annual subscription of \$15..

I am sure that our members as well as being crackerjack trampers would become top-notch Skiers as well both on the Snow and Grass types of skis should they decide to have a go and a visit to Manawatus Ski Captain Terry Kilinster at Y.M.C.A. would prove useful to get the dope. Terry is playing an active part in organising the 'Come Alive' activities in the Manawatu at present.

By the way, congratulations to Keith Margrain whose initiative and enthusiasm provided the dialogue and competition with Manawatu Trampers on the Sports field last year.

Thank you for giving me space in the newsletter for publishing above.

Yours sincerely

John B. Ogilvy.

Any comments on above by committee or Dr. Pearce would be very-welcome.

## PAST EVENTS

### 8-9<sup>th</sup> MARCH RUAHINE CORNER? -- ARANGA HUT

Having entered the Field at 1900 hours on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March the "expeditionary force" made good progress as far as the Waipawa Bridge on Highway 50.

Assistance was rendered to the driver of a "motorised bucket" (excavator); his vehicle had crashed through the railing of the bridge and was lying on its side in the river. Trooper Pearce acquitted himself in a most commendable fashion during the affair.

At 0800 hours on 8<sup>th</sup> March W.M. Porter of the Golden Downs Station willingly gave permission to cross his land. The line of advance lay through beautiful beech forest on the Golden Crown Ridge and Fort Aranga was in allied hands by lunch time.

Valuable information was obtained from Fort Records in the area and an interesting excursion was planned using these.

Satisfactory progress was made over Piopio, trig V and north along Long Ridge. The unit then pursued the elusive Hill 3375 ft. which moved steadily away as the unit advanced.

After several miles the chase was abandoned the group dropped 1000' to the Ikawatea River to camp the night.

During Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March the unit hit the Fort at Ikawatea Forks, reconnoitred the area and trekked overland to Fort No Mans for lunch. The route home lay over Ohawai and down Golden Ridge.

A stop was made at Waipukarau hospital to visit Jim Antonio who thankfully had not incurred any serious injury in his accident.

Unit:- Trooper Hindmarsh, K Margrain, K Pearce, and C.O. Brigadier Sir Trevor Bissell K.G.B, N.Z.S.I.S., FRST & bar, PhD.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH POHANGINA RIVER

Every one arrived at the Izadium some with after affects of the night before. Each car load of keen trampers left in opposite directions but some how arrived at the Ruahine Forestry base.

Soon every one was merrily tramping up to the Pohangina River. Approximately one hour up stream from Centre Creek camp site, three members of the party decided to make a quick trip to Mid Pohangina hut, while the remainder returned to Centre Creek. Every one enjoyed the time trout fishing, swimming, sun bathing, sleeping, and gold panning. Both parties meet approximately 3.30 and returned to cars and passing a resolution that all tramping be done in kilts.

Before leaving the party made a visit to the Piri-Piri Caves near by. For many of us this was our first trip in the area.

Participating in the trip were:- Julian Dalefield, Ian Hoare, Peter Hanratty, Glenn Dixon, Tim Short, Kathleen Hendmarsh, Janet Maessen, Peter Oppenheim, and John Ogilvy with 2 friends.

### 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH TOKOMARU

It was an early morning start. In fact it was 5 a.m. when the two trip members set off from Palmerston to accomplish what nobody else in the PNTMC had accomplished before. With courage and determination we battled the elements for eleven hours and successfully crossed the northern tip of the Tararuas.

We thundered up the Patupaearete Stream, up one of its tributary streams to Babers Saddle then down Number One Stream to the Tokomaru River. Number One Stream had several waterfalls which required strenuous bushbashing to bypass. After we reached the Tokomaru River we waded downstream to Gentle Annie which we climbed up to the farmland. We then engaged top gear for the journey to the road end and then home.

Trip Members:- Trevor Bissell and Lindsay Sanders.