



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

## NEWSLETTER

10/75

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

### COMING EVENTS

#### 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friends Meeting  
Rooms, 227 College Street.

Films with tramping and skiing theme.

Supper Duties

Pam Dicks  
Roy Wilson  
Mark Bell

#### 1-2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER NGAMOKO RANGE

A chance to sweat out your political frustrations, on the tops on a low level crossing in the beautiful southern Ruahines.

Leader : Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$3.90 approx.  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 p.m.

#### 8-9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER ALL THE 1530 METRE PEAKS (TARARUAS)

You've heard of boulder hopping well since rivers don't flow along the tops, we have introduced peak hopping. It is absolutely a waste of time, of energy resources and money, but we like it.

Leader : Peter Darragh Phone 35-633  
Grading: Fitness Essential  
Cost : \$3.00  
Depart : Super Save Car Park FRIDAY 6.30 p.m.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER BLUE RANGE HUT

Oh to stroll up to a hut, what a more pleasant way, to spend a Sunday. That's right up, in the beech forests of the Eastern Tararuas.

Leader : Pam Dicks Phone 299-738  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$2.50  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.30 p.m.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

28 Carroll Street Palmerston North at 7.30 p.m.

15-16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER NAVIGATION EXERCISES PUTARA

Oh you are awful, but I like you. That's our Keith. A chance to get off the beaten track and brush up on those map and compass techniques. For the novice as well as the experienced.

Required, to bring: Map N.Z.M.S. 1 Sheet No. 153 (Ekatahuna)  
Leader : Keith Margrain Phone 79-303  
Grading: E, M, & F.E.  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

22-23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER POHANGINA – TAMAKI CROSSING

A low level river crossing of the Southern Ruahines. Requirements:- Buoyancy, webfeet and no heat sensory cells. Under the watchful eye, care and guidance of.

Leader : Vivian Mawson Phone 83-335  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$2.90  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER POHANGINA RIVER

Saturday night hangovers dry horrids. Cool off in the Pohangina. A pleasant open valley, strewn with boulders, a boulder hopper's garden of Eden.

Leader : May Ann Whitehead Phone 86-861  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$1.30  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 7.00 a.m.

27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHT

Notice of SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street. For the election of a replacement Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Nominations to be into the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

CLUB SOCIAL 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. Tickets at Club Night. Or contact Tim Short 80-152 \$3.50 single.

NOTICES

New Address

Tim Short 33 Kingswood Street, Palmerston North Phone 80-152

Club Badges

Club badges are now on sale from Mary Ann Whitehead at \$1.75.

S.A.R.

To enable an up to date S.A.R. list. If address, phone number, availability, personal equipment list (4 man tent, tent fly, rope, iceaxe, crampons and primus) and special qualifications for S.A.R. members have altered.

Please obtain and fill out a new form immediately from Tim Short Phone 80-152

James Read has a 2 man Streamline Tent for sale. Phone 84-925 or call at 28 Carroll Street.

Congratulations to:-

Owen Robinson an ex-member, married on 4.10.75 to Venessa DeGrant.

New Address

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> November Trevor Bissell address will be Flat 1, 378 Botanical Road, Palmerston North.

PAST TRIPS

Waiopahu – The mutineers point of view.

13-14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER WAIOPEHU

There were six of us to start with, all with one destination in mind – Waiopahu Hut. The only difference was that three of us had a different route in mind. We had never been to South Ohau Hut and so decided that this was a good time to see it.

When we got to Ohau Hut, we let our point of view be known. Saying our goodbyes to Trevor, Steven and Eric we headed off up the Ohau. Cooling off as we paddled up the river, one of the party managing to sit down in the river at least once, we soon arrived at South Ohau Hut to be greeted by a crowd who were in for a week. As we sat down for a quick early lunch they tried to disillusion us by telling us of the slog it was up Yeates. Undaunted, we strode forth and were at the top of the dreaded Yeates 500 before we knew it.

It was only at the top of Yeates that we nearly abandoned our plans of going to Waiopahu. This was mainly due to a very attractive brunette and her brother who followed us up. They were on their way to Te Matawai and so were we after  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour debating until five minutes along the track our consciences were pricking us (after all Trevor might not have the curves but he might have laid awake worrying about his beloved? tramping companions had we not turned up.)

At the top of Richards Knob we caught sight of Trevor & Co. one top of the Twins and we joined them soon afterwards.

Sunday morning was very damp as Trevor & Co. left to try and go out a different route. Left with nothing to do all morning we decided on trying our cooking skills. As the magnificent stew was just ready to serve, we be dragged creatures crawled into the hut. Being the kind souls that we are we warmed up their poor frozen bodies with some of our stew.

The six of us left soon afterwards for home via the normal route. Party, Peter Darragh, Kathy Hindmarsh, Ross Meder.

20-21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER ATIWHAKATU – ANGLE KNOB – HOLDSWORTH

A confused start saw the leader trotting home for his boots then driving to Ashhurst before realizing that the Pahiatua track wasn't there – early morning blues!

Drizzle and wind accompanied the party up the Atiwhakatu Stream. The mid hut was crowded with two bods so all walked on so they could lunch in the rain and wind. After a dawdle up to Angle Knob Hut and the eviction of four tongue-and-meats the intrepid leader discovered his sleeping-bag was, yet again, soaking wet. Wind, wind and wind puffed and puffed and almost blew the house down.

The weather on Sunday was no improvement so the party returned down the sidle track until a break in the clouds induced them to climb Jumbo for lunch in the snow. A gentle wander down to the cars, fish and chips, three scoop 12 cent ice creams and home to showers and bed.

Bill Frecklington, Bill Mortenson, John Williams, Trevor Bissell, Kathy Hindmarsh, Elli Schlee, Viv Mawson.

### 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

Designation: Operation Holdsworth

Objective: To beat the weekenders to the top of Mount Holdsworth 1470. metres.

Aspirants: Diane Parsons and friend, John Haahman, Jack Roeper, Roy Wilson, Martin Speller and John Ballantyne.

Primary Accomplishment: Successful attainment of objective (see under objective)

Secondary Accomplishments: (1) An enjoyable day-trip by all who took part;  
(2) Great views over the Wairarapa when at first all seemed hopeless;  
(3) The thankful discovery? of a good track leading off Mt Holdsworth down into the Atiwhakatu Stream.  
(4) Renewed acquaintance with George and his culinary delights.

Condolences: Are extended to the weekenders who tried hard but .....

### 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER MANGAHAO

To start a trip at 5.30 a.m. on a Sunday morning could only be described as F.E. (fantastically early?). Even so, six keen day-trippers (Brad Owen, Roy Wilson, John Haahman, John Williams, Ken Bradshaw and Short Tim) made the effort and were rewarded more than fully as the day progressed. Since it was murky on the very tops (and since one timid member, who shall remain nameless, came along for a river picnic anyway) we restricted our movements to the lower slopes at the headwaters of Baber Creek. The leatherwood also restricted our movements, except for Brad, that is, whose main restriction was in the form of leather shorts. He solved this problem by converting them into a mini-kilt and very dashing it was too.

When using Baber Creek to cross into Harris Creek, unless you count the number of side-streams you could end up on the ridge up to Ngapuketuru -- which is not really too much of a hardship because the view is a splendid one and the route down into Harris Creek not too bad. Harris Creek satisfied all our requirements for a lunch spot, sun, water and scenery. Then, depending on how mad you feel you can go rushing up and down the Mangahao or you can sunbathe and saunter back to the cars, trying out some of the pools for their depth. Whatever you prefer it is more than likely that you will feel exceedingly satisfied with another good day in the hills.

Enclosed is a list of name and address of club members, any omissions or alterations please inform the Secretary.