



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

NEWSLETTER

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

COMING EVENTS

26th FEBRUARY BARBECUE (CLUB NIGHT)

As the weather is still hot and the days long, this will be replacing our normal Club Night. To be held at Raumai and Don't forget to bring something to barbecue.

Names to Tim Short Phone 76-906
Cost : 75 cents
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.30 p.m.

28th-29th FEBRUARY NO MANS HUT

To go where no man has gone before. No it's not exactly like that so come and find out for yourself in the beech forests of the North Eastern Ruahines.

Leader : Peter Darragh Phone FG 5633
Grading: Fit
Cost : \$4.50
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

28th-29th FEBRUARY NORTH OHAU HUT

Have you got some new boots that you want to break in or you just want to go on an easy trip. Then head with the crowd to the Western Tararuas.

Names to Tim Short Phone 80-152
Grading: Easy
Cost : \$1.20
Depart : Super Save Carpark 7.00 a.m.

6-7th MARCH MICK – WAITEWAEWAE HUT

One of the less visited, but one of the more interesting areas of the Western Tararuas. A chance to visit a crashed Devon aircraft.

Names to Trevor Bissell Phone 68-644

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$2.20

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

6-7th MARCH OHAU – CARKEEK RIDGE - WAITEWAEWAE

Tramping is fun or so they say especially on the exposed ridge tops of the Tararuas. But what really takes the icing is that you will be tripping along with our very own, not yours, not mine but our one and only T.V.P. Trev.

Leader : Trevor Bissell Phone 68-644

Grading: Fitness Essential

Cost : \$3.60

Depart : Friday night 6.30 p.m. Super Save Carpark

13th MARCH RIVER CROSSING INSTRUCTION (OTAKI FORKS) WITH M.T.S.C.

As the majority of tramping fatalities occur in the crossing of rivers incorrectly. Instruction is very important for the experienced as well as the beginner. The different techniques are outlined in the Bushcraft Manual.

Names to Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925

Grading: Easy

Cost : \$2.20

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.30 a.m.

13-14th WAIOTAU RU RIVER

Following the river crossing for those who want to spend the weekend in this attractive area, a tramp is provided up a pleasant river valley that flows into the Otaki.

Names to Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925

Grading: Easy

Cost : \$2.20

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.30 a.m.

14th MARCH SPORTS CHALLENGE M.T. & S.C.

Following the river crossing there will be river sports volley ball, softball, cricket, rugby and many other sports. In the evening a hangi will be held and other social activities. Bring fresh vegetables and refreshments (meat provided).

Sunday a laze in the sun? and for those feeling fit a race up to Fields Hut and back.

Names to Tim Short Phone 76-906

Cost : \$2.20 approx.

Depart : Super Save Carpark Saturday 6.00 a.m.

20-21st MARCH MT. NGAURUHOE & MANGATEPOPO VALLEY ROCKCLIMBING

A chance to scale our Towering Inferno and climb on the fantastic rock in the Mangatepopo Valley.

Names to Peter Darragh FG 5633

Grading: Fit

Cost : \$5.6

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

20-21st MARCH KEHETAHI HUT

Names to Peter Darragh FG 5633

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$5.6

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

27th MARCH S.A.R. EXERCISE

Knowledge of Search and Rescue Instruction is invaluable whether you are a member of S.A.R. or not. Whether it is Leadership, operating of radios, stretcher building, map & compass, contact search etc. It is essential that all members are aware of and keep up to date on the procedures and operations of S.A.R. The programme will consist of lectures followed by practical exercises in the field. See notices.

Report to P.N. Police Station 8.00 a.m.

28th MARCH KAPITI ISLAND & BARBECUE

Well for those who missed out on the last trip to Kapiti here is your chance. Be in early for the number is limited to twelve. In the event of bad weather the trip will be postponed.

Names to Tim Short Phone 76-906

Cost : \$8.00

Depart : super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

NOTICES

YOUR ADDRESS

If it has changed please contact Pam Dicks Phone 299-738 or drop her a line R.D. 11, Foxton.

NEW MEMBERS

W S Frecklington, 104 Kimbolton Road, Feilding. FG 8206F
M.W. Sullivan, 3 Duncan Place, Palmerston North. Phone 75691
H Verwey Jn., 67 Sutherland Cres., Palmerston North Phone 77835

COMMITTEE MEETING

On Thursday 11th March at Glen Dixon, 15 Kent Crescent, P.N.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A.G.M. to be held on the 25th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, Palmerston North.

Nomination forms are enclosed, and should be handed to the Secretary before the meeting commences.

27th March S.A.R.

Please bring with you a Map of Ongaonga, compass, pencil, lunch and mug. The approx. finishing time will be 4.00 p.m.

PAST REPORT

ALL THE PEAKS OVER 1530 METRES

In the beginning, this being the best place to start, there were three fellows, you see. It had already been decided by some high authority that they must suffer from the very point, the answer was on Friday night start with enough water to rundown their necks and short strong gusts of wind to blow their lamps.

Not to be turned back by those harsh surrounding things did the boring Barra Track reached the Mitre Flats, though wet, with great expectations of what the morning would bring, this not being too far away.

Morning has broken ... and it did our poor friends were off again this time up the Barton track to Baldy, with a detour to McGregor and frontal attack on the Three Kings (for those among us ignorakt? of their Kings names I will disclose their names) the most southerly

is South King next Middle King and then North King.

Upon reaching Girdlestone and Brockett it became obvious there was going to be too much weather for them to do an extensive detour to Bannister so they settled for having six peaks under their belts than exposure on Table Ridge so over The Mitre they go and down, down ... to another night at Mitre Flats and a scrap with its most recent residents, which was promptly turned out.

With morning the final peak seemed even further away so it was decided to shift base camp to Kiriwhakapapa and make an attempt from there as well as making a saving in petroleum. So it came to be that our men meet up with a curtain of mist, but yet that peak still alluded them.

P.S. And it came to pass that two of the above returned to Kiriwhakapapa and made yet another attempt on the elusive peak, but something that often happens on a day trip of only twelve hours, they ran out of time.

So keep it up boys and I'll see you next week.

Taking part; Trevor Bissell, Roy Wilson, Peter Darragh.