



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

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

19th-20th June HIKURANGI RANGE

In the Western Ruahines. Come and see for yourself how "flat" this Ruahine Ridge is.

Names to:	Ian Hoare, Ph. 83-448
Grading:	Fit
Cost:	\$3.50
Depart Supersave:	6.30 a.m.

20th June PURITY HUT

Gonna take a sentimental journey.

Names to:	Karyn Bishop, Ph. 84-925
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$3.20
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

24th June CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. at the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St., behind the West End Chemist. All welcome.

Wayne Salmons, a member of a local Skin Diving Club, will be giving an illustrated talk on under water diving around Kapiti Island.

SUPPER DUTIES: Peter Darragh, Robert Campbell, Peter Croad.

26th-27th June MT HECTOR

Come alive, join Peter and climb a mountain.

Leader:	Peter Darragh, Ph. Flg. 5633
Grading:	Fit
Cost:	\$3.30
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

26th-27th June FIELD'S HUT

Join Sue in the Southern Tararuas beyond Otaki and see where the Fit Trippers disappeared.

Leader:	Sue Streeter, Ph. 80874
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$3.30
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

3rd-4th July POURANGAKI RIVER

To tramp where no man has tramped before! Not quite, but still a trip into a remote spot in the Western Ruahines where few club trips have gone before.

Names to:	Karyn Bishop, Ph. 84-925
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$3.00
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

4th July POURANGAKI RIVER

What happened to our hardy weekenders? A chance for the not so gallant types to recover the weekenders from the Ruahine's splendour.

Names to:	Heather Crabb, Ph. 77-668
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$3.00
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

5th July COMMITTEE MEETING

At Peter Darragh's, 118 West St., Feilding at 7.30 p.m.

10th-11th July COPPERMINE – WHARITE

Explore the Coppermine Creek, and learn of its exciting past. Visit mineshafts, waterfalls and enjoy the panorama visible from Wharite's dizzy heights.

Leader:	Ross Meder, Ph. Flg. 7661
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$1.50
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

10th-11th July COPPERMINE HUT

For the less energetic types a lazy weekend in the Southern Ruahines. All the advantages of the above mentioned trip without the climb onto Wharite. An ideal trip for new and the not so new members.

Names to:	Ross Meder, Ph. FLG. 7661
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$1.50
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

17th-18th WAIOPEHU – STH. OHAU

An interesting bush tramp in the Western Tararuas beyond Levin. Tip-toe along Dora Track and marvel at the vegetation along this 'famous' trail. The splash downstream should assure an interesting climax to a memorable weekend.

Leader:	Roy Wilson, Ph. 84-925
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$2.00
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

18th July NORTH OHAU HUT

Some of us can't make the full weekend trips. For those people this should provide an interesting wander into the Tararuas. See the weekenders 'thunder' past on their journey homewards.

Leader:	Roy Wilson, Ph. 84-925
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$2.00
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

24th25th July HINERUA – SMITH CREEK

This beautiful valley lies in the Eastern Ruahines beyond Waipukurau. Most people should be able to manage this trip and an enjoyable weekend is assured those who support this trip.

Leader:	Trevor Bissell, Ph. 68-644
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$4.00
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

NOTICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

As a last minute plea from the Treasurer please be sure to pay your sub this month, otherwise this will be your last newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS:

A welcome is extended to Kathy Tyer, 25 Ruahine St., P.N. Phone 69-311.

AMMENDMENT:

We are sorry one name in last month's new members appeared incorrectly. Apologies to Bram Hoare, 49 Burns Ave.

SLIDE COMPETITION RESULTS:

Scenery:	1 st	Sue Streeter
	2 nd	Keith Margrain
	3 rd	Bram Hoare
Flora & Fauna:	1 st	John Ogilvy
	2 nd	John Ogilvy
	3 rd	John Ogilvy
People:	1 st	Julian Dalefield
	2 nd	Trevor Bissell
	3 rd	John Williams

PRINTS:

Scenery:	1 st	
	2 nd	Philip Beech
	3 rd	Ross Meder
Flora & Fauna:	1 st	Ross Meder
	2 nd	Vivien Mawson
	3 rd	
People:	1 st	Vivien Mawson
	2 nd	Janet Maesson
	3 rd	Vivien Mawson

We must apologise for omissions in the print section. Would prize winners please inform Vivien Mawson or any Committee member so that names can be published in the next newsletter?

IMMINENT TRIPS:

Another plea – this time from the Trip Convenor. Would prospective trip members please put your names in by the Wednesday preceding the weekend of the trip to enable the Trip Convenor and leader to facilitate the question of transport?

CHRISTMAS TRIP:

Suggestions for a possible location for our Christmas Trip this year will be welcomed by the Trip Convenor, Ian Hoare, or can be handed to any Committee member. All suggestions will be considered and discussed at the next Committee meeting. If you have a preference please come forward with it.

PAST TRIPS:

15th-16th May RANGIWAHIA WORK PARTY

A good muster of sixteen people were on the track to Rangi at various stages of the weekend. One car load arrived on Friday night and tramped through wind and rain to the hut. Another two car loads on Saturday swelling the numbers to a respectable sized work gang. Although there was light drizzle and cold, the leatherwood regions of the track were cleared and much work was done to improve the track across the slips.

Sunday dawned fine with grand views of all the mountains and a stiff frost. Another car load arrived and most of the weekenders climbed Mangahuia (in the snow).

The remainder of the track was cleared on the retreat to the cars. Thanks to those whose effort made the job less onerous. Also to N.Z.F.S. for use of slashers etc. and spraying of the track. Also thanks to drivers for providing the wheels.

Those attending: Friday night starters: Kathy Tyer, Neil Challands, Ross Meder, Ian Hoare.

Saturday only: Karyn Bishop, John Williams.

Weekenders: Peter Darragh, Bill Frecklington, Craig Beard, John Stretton, Kathy Hindmarsh, Mike Sullivan, James Read.

Sunday only: Bram Hoare, Bruce Parker, Alan Parker.

15th-18th April TE MATAWAI – PARK FORKS – OTAKI – OHAU RIVER
EASTER

The changed location of this trip was not due to faulty compass but designed to cater for those who participated i.e. Massey students plus the old man who couldn't afford all of Easter off, but still wanted to go somewhere worthwhile.

Anyway the splash up to Ohau on Thursday night was uneventful as was the night under the fly and the breakfast which followed. Friday dawned fine and Te Matawai was the venue for lunch. Then over Arete and down into the headwaters of the Park River. Travel was quite reasonable if a little scratchy in places.

A good campsite was found and a comfortable night followed.

Saturday saw us travel down river to Park Forks, up to Nicholls, along the Main Range, and dropping down to a campsite near Mid Otaki Hut. The views from the Main Range were a feature of the trip.

Sunday saw us trudging homeward stopping briefly at South Ohau for lunch, and again to watch the slalom canoe champs near Shannon.

All in all, an interesting weekend.

Those attending: John Wiesling, Keith Margrain, Ian Hoare, Trevor Bissell.

10th April POHANGINA RIVER (Combined with M.U.A.C.)

This trip was a combined effort with M.U.A.C. and replaced the scheduled trip to Shorts Track. The number attending was into double figures which was good considering recent day trip attendances. All of the party stopped at Centre Creek tent-camp and most made it to Mid Pohangina Hut which was a good effort.

Light rain fell on the return journey but this did not detract from the enjoyment of the trip. It was good to see some of the P.N.T.M.C. old faces such as Shirley Whitehead and other persons now members of the M.U.A.C.

Those P.N.T.M.C. members participating:

Kathy Tyer, Peter Hanratty, John Williams, Karyn Bishop, Ian Hoare.

30th May TUNUPO CAMP SITE

At Heritage Lodge a break away group decided to leave Guy, Jeremy and Ross to look after Mum and Dad (respectively) with H.C. (who shall remain nameless) to look after them all. The rest of us trundled off along the high level track and as there was no need to hurry, of course, we didn't. Incidentally – knowing how active boys are and knowing how inactive “some” adults are was it significant that the further we were from the Lodge the sunnier the day became?

Anyway the Tunupo Camp Site was eventually reached - conveniently around lunch time. A fire was constructed and the billy boiled for that welcome, that Oh, so very welcome brew – and it was only a small hitch that no-one had any tea. At last Bram having emptied his pockets and his pack found 2 rather dilapidated tea bags. The brave ones tanked up on this concoction and after lazing a little longer we followed cowboy tradition and headed west into the setting sun.

Although a short trip deserves a short rip report it must be mentioned in dispatches that upon reaching the Lodge we were approached through curtains of smoke by a ghostly H.C. (Herr Cook?) holding forth in her hands mugs of real tea.

Tunupo Trip Members: Karyn bishop, Ron Wightman, Bram Hoare, Christina MacKinder, Kay Nilson, Margaret MacKenzie, Sue Streeter, Carol Panny & Forrest Panny.

Meanwhile at Heritage Lodge, Russell and his group of young ‘would be’ trampers spent the day diving around in the bush around the lodge and down in the river bed below.

Russell's advice to anyone contemplating making a ‘brew’ in the Lodge is (1) use a primus – preferably one that works, or (2) chop enough fire wood so you can use the open fireplace. The smoke that billows into the room from the ‘energy conserving’ wood range makes one forget about the fuel energy crisis!

Heritage Lodge Pikers: Russell Johnson, Ross Johnson, Kay Ousey, Guy Ousey, Jeremy Ousey, Heather Crabb.

12th November (What year? Way, way in the past) OHAU RIVER

Two cars and 10 people arrived at the Izadium before 7 a.m. (first it was 3 cars and 16 people). We arrived at the Ohau Pipe Bridge at approx. 8 a.m. Thence we wandered into Ohau Hut where we awaited our "shutterbug" member who had assumed her position at the rear of the party.

Six keen types then splashed their way up the river in the direction of South Ohau Hut. At the junction with the North Ohau River we met Kevin and Lindsay who were returning from the Park River. Some of the shorter types found the water particularly "wet" but everyone was back at Ohau Hut by 4 p.m., where it was decided to follow the bush track back to the Pipe Bridge instead of going down the gorge. Everyone was back at the bridge by 6 p.m. the not so keen types having left half an hour earlier.

Those Participating: Karyn Davis, Vivien Mawson, Louise Sarrell, Heather Crabb, Maire Crabb, Wendy Adams, Maureen Clark, Raymond Mills, Stuart McLachlan, Ian Hoare.