



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

## NEWSLETTER

11/76

Hon. Secretary,  
Karyn Bishop, 84-925  
Membership Enquiries  
Janet Maesson, 73-524.

### COMING EVENTS

#### 25<sup>th</sup> November CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. at the Society of Friends' Hall, 227 College St, Palmerston North.

Andy Leigh will speak on the role of the Forestry Dept. as it concerns Tramping Clubs.

SUPPER DUTIES: Ross Meder, Keith Margrain, Tim Short.

#### 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November WAITOARA RIVER

Take the opportunity to enjoy this rare trip north of Wanganui.

Names to:	Viv. Mawson Ph. 83-335
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$2.00
Depart Supersave:	6.00 a.m.

#### 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December DUNDAS RIDGE

Past trips into this area of the Northern Tararuas have proved rewarding. This area will test your navigational skills or provide many fine sights (or both). Storm gear essential as much tops travel is necessary.

Leader:	Trevor Bissell Ph. 68-644
Cost:	\$1.60
Depart Supersave Car Park:	6.30 p.m. Friday.
Grading:	Fitness Essential.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> December PUTARA HUT

An introduction to the notorious Dundas Ridge. This hut on the eastern side of the Tararuas is a comfortable walk from the road end. The Dundas Ridge is just a stroll away, and if fine, many fine views of the Tararuas are available.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, Ph. 68-644  
Cost: \$1.60  
Depart Supersave: 6.30 a.m.  
Grading: Easy.

11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December RANGIWAHIA GRANDE ANNUAL DINNER

(Mystery Route) Grading: M.  
(Ski Track or  
Bulldozed Track) E.

12<sup>th</sup> December RANGIWAHIA GRANDE ANNUAL DINNER

The Medium trip will feature a novel and unknown route to the annual feast. Those who can't (for any reason) make this trip can still participate by traveling the better known route.

Names to: Heather Crabb, Ph. 77-668  
Grading: Medium and Easy.  
Cost: Approx. \$5.50  
Depart Super save: Saturday, 6.30 a.m.  
Sunday, 7.00 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> December COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. at Ross Meder's 2 Montgomery St., Feilding.

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December TOKOMARU CROSSING Grading: M.  
TOKOMARU STREAM " E.

These two trips offer an enjoyable splash in one of the Tararua's more beautiful valleys. This chance to enjoy the sun before Christmas should not be missed. A chance for many trampers to emerge from their premature retirement.

Names to: Heather Crabb, Ph. 77-668  
Cost: Approx. \$2.00 Medium  
90 c. Easy.  
Depart Supersave: 6.30 a.m.

N.B. No Club Night in December.

NOTICES

New Member: We extend a warm welcome to Chris Saunders.

SEARCH & RESCUE

A letter has been received by the Club from Chief Inspector D.H. Scott from the Police Force on the occasion of the search for a young boy who went missing in the Manawatu River at the end of Albert St. recently, thanking club members for their help in this search.

An extract from this letter says: "It is appreciated by the Police that civilian personnel from clubs such as yours are available at short notice for searches."

RECIPES

"Food for Tramping Trips", a P.N.T.M.C. publication, is available from Karyn Bishop, Phone 84-925, at 10c a copy. These recipes are of particular help to those organizing Christmas or other long trips.

MASSIF

Ian Hoare has some copies of Massif for sale at \$1.70 each. Anyone wanting one can contact him at phone 83-448.

#### PAST TRIPS

##### 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November BLUE RANGE – COW CREEK

We chose the bit of grey-blue sky out of the black and followed our noses up to Blue Range. The plod continued around the top of the ridge and down to Cow Creek Hut where we spent the night ..... sleeping. Next day we retraced our steps at a leisurely pace, through lightly falling snow.

Trip Members: Bruce Parker, Cheryl Philips, Alan Parker, Viv. Mawson.

#### LABOUR WEEKEND IN THE KAIMANAWAS

A mixed "easy" and "fit" party used Hydro Access Road 15 to gain access to the Waipakahi River in the Kaimanawa Ranges.

The trip up the river involved many crossings, some of which were of a critical depth for short people. A cold wind plus a little drizzle added to the delights. Several other parties were encountered, most of which were in for a weekend's shooting.

Camp was set up early in the day about half way up river towards the Waipakahi Hut.. Everyone settled down in their pits and drifted off for an afternoon nap. The nap became extended and tea was eaten late in the evening.

On Sunday it was decided to leave the camp set up and everyone climbed onto the Middle Range via the Waipakahi to Rangitikei track. Views were eventually available when the fog lifted.

Roy and Trevor did a round trip over Thunderbolt and up the Middle Range to the Waipakahi Hut. At the hut one Ken Ross and a party of Freyberg High School pupils were in residence. They told of an epic walk in over Umakarikari Range while 4 inches of snow fell. A Wellington party at the hut left to make camp in the upper Waipakahi River and Roy and Trevor returned down river to their party.

Since the weather by this time had turned fine and sunny John Carter and John Stretton slept in the tussock grass by the river. They claimed their night was comfortable despite the frost lining their sleeping bag covers.

A party of shooters on horse back with dogs in attendance overtook the party on the walk down river on Monday. Horses are more adept at crossing rivers than people on foot.

Party: Roy Wilson, John Carter, John Stretton, Craig Baird, Brad Owen, Trevor Bissell.

P.S. Bill Frecklington and Peter Darragh were picked up from the Tukino Ski Field Rd. on the way home. They had spent a couple of nights on Ruapehu, one night being in a snow cave.

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB  
SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dundas Ridge	F.E.
	Putara Hut	E.
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Rangiwahia (Mystery Route)	M.
	Rangiwahia	E.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rangiwahia (Grande Annual Dinner)	E.
18 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tokomaru Crossing	M.
	Tokomaru Stream	E.

CHRISTMAS TRIP

27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. – 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Wilkin – Matukituki River. N.W. Nelson.	E. & F.E.
9 <sup>th</sup>	North Ohau Hut	E.
15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coppermine Hut – Wharite Ck.	M.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Coppermine Creek	E.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Armstrong – Hinerua – Smith Ck.	F.E.
	Waikamaka – Waterfall Ck.	M.
29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Otaki Forks (River Crossing – Barabacue)	E.
30 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Pilgrimage – Fields Hut.	M.

FEBRUARY

5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tunupo – Pohangina – Tamaki Crossing	F.E.
	Cattle Ck. – Tamaki Crossing	M.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tamaki River – Stanfield Hut	E.
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Full Waiohine River	F.E.
	Waiohine Gorge	F.
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kapiti Island – Barabacue	E.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Kapakapanui	M.
26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rangiwahia – W.P.	W.P.
27 <sup>th</sup>	“ “	W.P.