



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
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NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

ALL TRAMPING TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE SUPERSAVE CAR PARK, FIZHERBERT AVE.

21 – 24 October LABOUR WEEKEND, KAIMANAWAS

The Kaimanawas lie to the east of the Desert Road and one of the rivers to drain the area is the Waipakahi (which later becomes the Tongariro River). We will be camping in the Waipakahi.

Leader:	Kevin Pearce, ph. 83-467
Grading:	Fit and Easy (two trips).
Cost:	About \$4.00
Depart:	6.00 a.m. Saturday.

27 October CLUB NIGHT. Outings in Europe and Mini First Aid

There is a lot of nice first class "hiking" and climbing to be had in Europe. Kevin Pearce will be describing his adventures in Europe and we also hope to have a short talk from our own Bruce Parker on some aspect of first aid.

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

Supper Duties: John Carter, Neil Challands and Chris Croad.

29 30 October TAMAKI – POHANGINA CROSSING

A pleasant low level crossing of the Ruahines which makes use of the Tamaki Stream and the Pohangina River. Be prepared for wet feet and sun burn.

Leader:	John Carter, ph. 74-344
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$2.50 Approx.
Depart:	6.00 a.m. Saturday.

30th October LOWER POHANGINA

This is bound to be a good chance to sun bathe, and be able to get some in.

Leader: John Carter, ph. 74-344
Cost: \$100 Approx.
Grading: Easy
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sunday (Sunny Day.)

3 November Committee Meeting

7.30 pm Thursday at Heather Crabb's, 3 Clyde Crescent.

5 November Guy Fawkes Bike Ride and Barbecue

We are going to start the November trips with a bit of a bang. Dust off your bike, pack your fireworks and barbecue tea and then we are off to the Balance Reserve at the far end of the Gorge.

Organiser: Trevor Bissell, ph. 68-644
Depart: Bike trip leaves the Supersave 1.00 p.m. Saturday.
Otherwise assemble at the Reserve about 5.00 p.m.

6 November Piripiri Caves

These caves are in the Pohangina Valley. Bring your old clothes plus a change and a torch.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph. 68-644
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$1.00
Depart: 9 a.m. Sunday

11 – 13 November Wellington District Sarex

12 – 13 November Open Climb of Mount Ruapehu

Mount Ruapehu is the highest mountain in the North Island (2979 m or 9175 ft) and is an active volcano. We hope to get as many people as possible to the summit, weather and snow conditions permitting. (Does anyone have a pair of CB radios we could use?)

Leader: Keith Margarin, ph. 79-303
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$7.00 (depending upon accommodation)
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday

15 November Annual SAR Meeting. Palmerston North Sub-district.

7.30 p.m. Tuesday at the Police Station.

19 – 20 November Work Party at Rangī

We all use mountain huts and some of us complain about their condition. This weekend will provide a chance for us to do something rather than just moan.

Foreman: Kevin Pearce, ph. 83-467
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$2.00
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday

20 November Rangī Day Trip

A visit to our own beloved hovel which should be looking spick and span after the attention of the workers.

Names to: Kevin Pearce, ph. 83-467
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$2.00
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

24 November Club Night

The usual time and place. Details next newsletter.

25 November SAR Get-together

The Horowhenua Search and Rescue Advisory Committee intend to have an end-of-year Get-together for SAR personnel and have extended the invitation to those ladies who have attended SAREX training or have been called out on genuine searches. The function will take place at the Weraroa Domain Cricket Pavilion, Levin, beginning 8 p.m. Friday. Supper and beverages will be provided but bring your own spoon. Casual dress.

Names to: Russ Johnson, before 15 November ph. 87-777
Cost: \$2.00 for the function plus \$2.00 transport.
Depart: 7.15 p.m. Friday
Return: Late Friday night.

26 – 27 November Full Tokomaru

It is proposed to start in the headwaters of the Tokomaru at the Mangahao No 3 dam and to follow the river down to Horseshoe Bend.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, ph. 83-467
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$2.00 approx.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday

27 November Lower Tokomaru, Horseshoe Bend.

We will travel over farm land and drop into the Tokomaru above a gorgy section with deep pools. We will then swim and splash our way down to Horseshoe Bend.

Names to: John Carter, ph. 74-344
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$1.00 roughly
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday

14 December Christmas Party at the Sheraton.

A firm booking has been made to wine, dine and dance at the Sheraton.

Organiser: John Carter, ph. 74-344
Cost: \$10.00 per head
Assemble: ? p.m. Wednesday

NOTICES

1. Pedometer for Sale – hardly used and in mint condition. \$10.00.
Phone: James Read 73-543
2. Found. Keith Margrain (79-393) has in his possession one Grivel ice axe left at Massey Hut after the Club's Basic Snowcraft course.
3. Greetings from Abroad. Heather Crabb has received a letter from Vivian Mawson who sends greetings to her tramping friends.
4. The Plate at the Door. Observant persons may have noticed the Plate at the Door at Club Nights. It's for donations towards the cost of hall hire and supper. Has your donations kept up with inflation? (We very much want to avoid having a policeman at the door to collect cash).

5. SAR Manual. Copies of the recently published search and rescue manual can be borrowed from Librarian, Peter Croad. All SAR team leaders should have a knowledge of its contents.
6. Requirements for Membership. Persons wishing to become members must (i) go on two Club trips (ii) make written application on the form available from the membership convenor – a mover and seconder is required (iii) pay the current subscription – this reduces as the financial year progresses.
7. Resignation. Senior Sergeant Keith Wrigley has resigned from the Police Force. Many of our members got to know Keith through his work in search and rescue. We wish him well in his new occupation of dairy proprietor.
8. Bridge Peak. formerly West Peak (near Mount Hector) has been renamed in memory of Bill Bridge, “Mr Search and Rescue”. This change avoids the confusion caused by having two West Peaks in the Tararua.

PAST EVENTS

3 October – Trip up North Ohau

Owing to a couple of last minute withdrawals 6 hardy PNTMC puddle jumpers squeezed into a 4 seater car and headed for the mist and rain of Ohau.

After being escorted to the bush track by the resident heifers we settled into a healthy plod up the track towards Ohau Hut. After eating our morning tea in this veritable palace we decided to have lunch and watched the raindrops falling. After waiting a respectable length of time the rain was falling even harder and the river was starting to rise so we decided to return to the car.

The weather turned out to be as unpredictable as usual and it started to clear up later on but by that stage we had set our sights on milkshakes at Levin. On arriving back in Palmerston we all had soup, coffee and home baked bread – courtesy of Kay and Neil. All in all it was a most enjoyable trip in spite of the miserable weather.

Those on the trip were – Kay and Neil Jackson, Sarah Godfrey, Jenny Maessen, Harry Verwey, Peter Croad.

P.N. TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
LOAN – EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1977

The Club holds a stock of tramping and mountaineering equipment which is available on loan. The following regulations shall apply to the management and control of this equipment.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

1. All equipment shall be under the control of the Equipment Manager (Gear Custodian) who shall be appointed by the Committee and who shall be responsible for-
 - (i) Providing safe storage of the equipment.
 - (ii) Lending and hiring out the equipment and ensuring that the conditions of loan are complied with.
 - (iii) Maintaining a record of all loans.
 - (iv) Issuing receipts for all hire money collected.
 - (v) Arranging for the repair of damaged equipment.
 - (vi) Making an Annual Report on the value and condition of the equipment and amount of hire money collected.
 - (vii) Advising the Committee on the purchase of new equipment.
2. The Equipment Manager shall decline to lend or hire equipment unless he is satisfied that it will be correctly and safely used.

AVAILABILITY

3. Equipment shall only be lent to the following:
 - (i) Club Members.
 - (ii) Persons on Official Club trips.
 - (iii) Other tramping clubs and kindred organizations.
 - (iv) Others at the discretion of the Equipment Manager.

PRIORITY

4. Provided that reasonable notice is given to the Equipment Manager, Club trips shall have priority over Club members on private trips who shall have priority over all others.

LIABILITY

5. Persons or organizations borrowing equipment shall be liable for the full cost of repairing or replacing any damaged or lost equipment (normal wear and tear exempted.) The Committee may at its discretion reduce the extent of liability if:
 - (i) No negligence was involved, and
 - (ii) The value of the equipment was less than its repair or replacement cost, and
 - (iii) All conditions of loan were fully complied with.

CONDITIONS OF LOAN

6.
 - (i) Equipment may only be borrowed at times convenient to the Equipment Manager.
 - (ii) Hire charges must be paid in advance.
 - (iii) Equipment must be returned in a clean and dry condition.
 - (iv) Any damage or loss must be reported to the Equipment Manager promptly.
 - (v) Equipment must be returned within one week of the trip.

HIRE CHARGES

7. Party equipment is free on official Club trips.
8. There will be two hire charges: weekend (one, two or three days' use) and weekly.

9. Weekend charges will apply for each and every weekend the equipment is in the custody of the borrower, regardless of whether the equipment is used or not.
10. Weekly charges will apply for the whole of the period the equipment is in the custody of the borrower, regardless of whether the equipment is used or not.
11. Weekend rates shall only apply when equipment is used or taken on tramps or climbs of three days or less.
12. Hire rates shall be as follows:

	<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Ice Axe	50 c.	\$1.00
Crampons	50	1.00
Rope, mountaineering	50	1.00
Tent	30	60
Tent fly, new	50	1.00
" " old	30	60
Billy	30	60
Stove _ fuel (fuel extra)	30	60
Pressure Cooker	50	1.00
Pack	30	60
Sleeping bag	30	60
Sleeping bag cover	30	60
Rope, river crossing	30	60
First aid kit	free	free