



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

NEWSLETTER 5/78

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N.B. Work numbers are for emergency use only.

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SECOND NOTICE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year ending 28th February, 1979 are now due. By resolution of the A.G.M. held 30th March, 1978 subscriptions were set as follows:

Juniors (still at school)	\$5.00
Senior	\$7.00
Family (one newsletter only)	\$8.00

The above amounts are reduced by \$1.00 if paid before 26th May, 1978. Members not wishing to renew their membership must notify the Secretary, otherwise they remain liable to pay the current subscription.

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COMING EVENTS

ALL TRIPS LEAVE THE "SUPERSAVE" CAR PARK, FERGUSON STREET.
IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS
IN ADVANCE.

25th May CLUB NIGHT – ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

This event is always good value and it offers the chance of fame and fortune! The rules of the competition are given elsewhere in this newsletter and should be studied carefully by intending competitors. Hand your slides and prints to Stephen Moore, together with the entry fee of 10 cents per photo, before 8.00 p.m., at the Club Night.

At the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St., Palmerston North, commencing at 7.30 p.m., Thursday 25th May. Visitors welcome.

SUPPER DUTIES: Brad Owen, Bruce Parker, Lawson Pither.

26th May LAST DAY FOR SUBS IF A PENALTY IS TO BE AVOIDED.

See "Notice of Subs" above for details.

3rd – 5th June Queen's Birthday OTURERE – KETETAHI

A very interesting trip to a volcanic area with a lunar like landscape, steaming craters and hot springs. Although the basic trip is graded "medium" warm clothing including woolen longs, mittens, balaclava and overtrousers will be required. Map NZMS 273.

Leader:	Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading:	Medium & F.E.
Cost:	\$6.00
Depart:	6.00 a.m. Saturday.

5th June KAHUTERAWA – SCOTTS ROAD

A very easy trip unless you want to bicycle, in which case the grade goes up to easy. Map NZMS 149 & N 153.

Names to:	Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$1.00
Depart:	9.00 a.m. Monday.

8th June COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. Thursday at Peter Croad's, Featherston St. No. 82

10th – 11th June ROARING STAG LODGE

This Eastern Tararua hut is well placed for lightening trips to Cattle Ridge and Haukura Ridge so don't be put off by its relatively low grading. Map NZMS 1, N 153 & N 158.

Names to:	Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$2.00
Depart:	6.00 a.m. Saturday.

16th – 17th – 18th June ALL THE 1530 METRE PEAKS

Back in the good old days before metrification there was a trip called "All the five Thousand Footers." It involved reaching the summits of all the 5,000' peaks in the Tararuas. Since then new mapping has changed the heights of some of the peaks and a French system of units has been introduced – hence this new trip. Map NZMS 1, N 157.

Names to:	Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading:	F.E.
Cost:	\$3.00
Depart:	6.30 p.m. Friday night.

16th – 17th – 18th June ATIWHAKATU

The Friday night start is so that transport can be coordinated with the above trip. There will be little walking to be done Friday night but bring a torch anyway. Map NZMS 1, N 157.

Names to: Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$3.00
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday night.

24th – 25th June POURANGAKI – MANGAMAHUME – RANGI, F.E.

24th – 25th June MIDWINTER AT RANGI, E.

25th June MIDWINTER DAY TRIP TO RANGI E.

This trio of trips will continue the Club's tradition of celebrating the winter solstice at the Club's one and only hut. (See photo at the May Club Night for photographic evidence of "Polar Bear" activities!) Map NZMS 1, N 140.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543
Grading: F.E. and Easy (three trips.)
Cost: \$2.50
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday
7.00 a.m. Sunday.

29th June CLUB NIGHT – CANOEING

John Quirk is President of the Palmerston North Canoe Club and is a canoeist of great experience and skill. John is going to be telling us why people persist in bobbing down horrendous torrents in frail kayaks.

Usual time and place. Details next newsletter.

NOTICES

1. NEW MEMBERS
Chrissy Williams, flat 3, 403 Gloucester St., Christchurch and Wendy Chrisstoffeles, Opiki, phone Opiki 835.
2. CHANGE OF ADDRESS
Keith Margrain has changed his address and now lives at Flat 3, 403 Gloucester St., Christchurch.
3. CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER
Kevin Pearce's new home phone number is 70-217. No calls after 9.00 p.m. please.
4. THE "ROBERTSON RAG" has been received from Invercargill from Adrienne, nee Thompson. Adrienne sends her regards to all her friends in the P.N.T.M.C. and would welcome hearing from or seeing any of them in Invercargill. Her address is 289 Racecourse Rd., Invercargill.
5. CLUB ALBUM
TRAMPERS! Let your name go down in the annals of the Club history. The Librarian requires photographic prints of past and present Club events for the official P.N.T.M.C. Club Photo Album.
If you can help please phone Janet Maesson, ph. 69-386.
6. MINIMUM IMPACT CODE cond.
 5. Minimise campsite construction:
 - + Carry your own tent poles or use only dead wood for poles
 - + Avoid cutting the vegetation for mattress.
 - + Respect the privacy of others when selecting campsites and if possible locate them away from tracks or huts.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RULES

1. The Competition shall be in two parts:
 - (1) Colour slides.
 - (2) Prints (either colour or black and white.)
2. All photographs must have a tramping or mountaineering flavour.
3. There shall be two categories of competition:
 - (1) Novice – a person who has not previously won or been placed in any photographic competition.
 - (2) Advanced – those who have had success in any photographic competition or are members of a photographic or camera club.
4. There shall be three competition classes:
 - (a) Natural history (flora & fauna, geological structures, meteorological phenomenon etc.)
 - (b) People (Portraits or photographs in which people are the dominant interest.)
 - (c) Scenery (Landscape.)
5. All photographs must have been taken by the competition in whose name they are entered.
6. Photographs which have been entered in a previous P.N.T.M.C. competition may not be entered a second time.
7. An entry fee of 10 cents must accompany each and every slide and print entered in the competition. The money collected as entry fees will be used to provide cash prizes for the winners.
8. Entries close for all classes immediately before judging begins (approximately 8.00 p.m.)
9. Photographs may be entered in one class only.
10. The judges decision is final.
11. All slides and prints must bear the competitors name and the class in which it is entered (People, Natural History, or Scenery.)
12. All slides must be marked with a conspicuous spot in the lower left-hand corner when held for hand viewing. (This will ensure they are projected the correct way around.)

PAST EVENTS

NGAMOKO RANGE

Well it looked like it was going to be one of those weekends. The cloud was lying low down on the hills with little likelihood of its lifting; a chance for the newer members to try their navigation and their storm gear. After some ear bashing by one or two of the more noisy sorts, who stated it would be better if we all went home instead of braving the elements, we left the road end just after 0800 hrs. and proceeded to make our way across the farmland and up the "Super Heritage highway" to the Tunupo "off ramp" where after about an hour's traveling a member decided that due to injury he could go no further and so subsequently about turned and hobbled back to Heritage Lodge where we are told he spent an interesting weekend. (No names mentioned but he resides in Feilding.)

Lunch time was had on Tunupo at 12.00 sharp because of union rules. There were only the odd glimpses of farm land because of the cloud so we proceeded on towards Tarn

Bivouac through some quite strong winds and what a welcome sight that Biv. made. The thought of a cuppa! Well while the tea was being brewed the tent flies were sorted out and three figures who shall remain nameless, lay claims on the Biv. The wind became stronger and tea consisted of 14 pints of stew and 6 pints of instant pudding. The night came quickly and before long we were in our sleeping bags, some trying to think of anything else other than cool moist cloud and flapping tent flies.

Well next morning was no better, if not worse and Mt Toka was awaiting our arrival, so on we plodded. Well, we must be getting near civilization again. Another "super highway" known as Deerford Track where we met the day party climbing leisurely upwards. Farmland at last plus rain, so after some consultation we decided to visit Sixtus Lodge where they kindly gave us a cuppa while we had lunch and waited for our transport to be picked up and brought back so that we could go home for a hot bath and meal. "Oh, the thought of it!!! The drive back brought noisy renditions from Peter and his Trudge, but alas he will have to improve before he's let loose again with that particular piece of literature.

Trip members: Trevor Bissell, Philip Budding, Ross Corlett, Carl Darmen, Peter Darragh, Alan Dunn, Charital Hewitt, Robin Palmer, Glenys Piper, Robyn Valentine, Gary Thomas, David Speller.

DIGGER'S HUT

Nine people left the Supersave car park at 8.00 a.m. for the overnight trip to Digger's Hut.

We followed the river from Komako to the first forks by which time Chris and Glenys Saunders decided their young Roderick had had airing enough and returned home. The rest decided on a change of terrain and climbed up the ridge which later dropped down to the hut.

Half the party decided to have a comfortable night on F.S. mattresses while the more intrepid half found a pleasant patch for their fly. A round trip was completed the following day before the really heavy rain set in. The people on the day trip were well and truly caught in this.

The overnighters were Joan Bower, Jenny Smith, Sarah Godfrey, Allan Dunn, Paul and Gill Davies.

The day trippers were Trevor Bissell, Lawson Pither, Heather Crabb, Rosemary Buchan, Priscilla, Susan Cade, Anne Flux, Donna Linklater, and Raehel Yoeman.

RUAPEHU

We crawled up the windswept road from Ohakune and peered through the mist for the turn off to Massey Hut. A "road closed" sign told us we were there and we carefully avoided a long line of steel towers and chair lift pulleys on our way to the front door. Obviously the A.H.I. redevelopment of the Turoa skifield was in progress and in a big way.

The mountain dawned misty and this tended to hinder preparations somewhat. Construction vehicles were rumbling up the road and these were followed by Kevin, Peter

and Greg. After a bit of cheek from the newcomers 15 people squeezed into the van which ground its way through 2" of freshly laid shingle up a much widened mountain road. An extended improved car park at the end of the road was the scene of much construction (two buildings in fact) and men and machinery were in operation.

Phillip and Ross went off rock climbing and the rest of us ambled upwards. Kevin's car load soon caught up and everyone spent some time playing in a snow sided gully. Kevin plus four soon disappeared up the mountain, followed in a vague fashion by eleven more bods. Eventually it was decided that, because of the absence of a view, of sunshine and because of the periodic rain and wind that we could perhaps think about going down. So we climbed some more over boulders and rock which extended up between snowfields.

On the way down a third semi completed building was noticed and the odd concrete piles had been placed for chairlift towers. A helicopter blew forth and back, ferrying materials. It was our opinion that A.H.I. will have to work very quickly to be ready for the ski season.

A lively evening's entertainment was provided by the "Gladiators of the Beam" a strange breed of fighting men with clanking appendages who joust while dangling from the ceiling of Massey Hut. Kevin and Chris also found outlets for their climbing talents by ascending the underside of the stairs, hand over hand. The crux was a tight squeeze between the top two steps while bridging between a wall and the staircase.

Sunday was a much nicer day and 14 went to the top of the mountain. Four went around to Wanganui Hut and Lake Surprise.

Those attending: Phillip Beech, Ross Corlett, Owen Gurr, Chris Croad, Peter;Croad, Janet Maesson, Sarah Godfrey, Grant Ramsay, Anne Flux, John Patterson, Alan Dunn, Gary Thomas, Kim Davies, Jenny Smith, Trevor Bissell, Kevin Pearce, Peter Darragh and Greg Bristow.

A GUIDE FOR TRIP LEADERS

IN ADVANCE OF THE TRIP

1. Supply the Trip Convenor with details of your proposed trip for inclusion in the Newsletter (starting time, special equipment etc.) If you don't do this before the deadline for the Newsletter these details will have to be decided for you without your being consulted.
2. Collect names and telephone numbers of persons wanting to go on your trip (at Club Night and by telephone.) Also note who has transport. Satisfy yourself that everyone is sufficiently fit and experienced before you accept their names. You don't have to accept anyone who you have doubts about, or anyone who applies to come on your trip less than 48 hours in advance. Advise everyone of food and equipment requirements.
3. Research the area you are visiting. Obtain maps, question Club Officials about details of road routes, tracks, bridges etc.
4. If necessary, obtain permits, permission from farmers and book huts etc.
5. Borrow from the Club Gear Custodian any equipment you will need (billies, stoves, tents, rope, first aid etc.)

JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE

6. Contact a member of the Committee or some other responsible person and give them a full account of your intentions.
Just before leaving on your trip leave a list of the names and phone numbers of your party at the Police Station (Church Street) together with the name and telephone number of the responsible person with whom you have discussed your plans. Include on the list your latest expected time of return and details of the equipment your party is carrying. (Printed forms are available from the Trip Convenor for leaving at the Police Station.)
7. Obtain an up-to-date weather forecast.
8. Check that everyone has all essential items of equipment (mittens, snow goggles, boots, parka etc.)
9. You are not obliged to wait for late arrivals beyond the advertised starting time although you may wish to allow some grace.

DURING THE TRIP

10. Keep the party together or if it is a large party it may be broken into two or more small, groups each with its own leader and "tail ender."
11. Insist on your party taking regular breaks for adjusting boots and clothing, eating and resting etc. The first stop should be soon after starting, then every 50 minutes take a 10 minute break - the timing should be flexible - preferred stopping places include at the top of a hill, a hut, a lookout etc. Don't let stops become too prolonged and discourage unofficial stops. Check for blisters.
12. Periodically review your plans. Is there still sufficient time to reach your destination? Is the party strong enough, will flooded rivers cause difficulties, what will happen if the weather gets worse? Modify your plans if necessary.
13. Put slow or inexperienced persons near the front of the party - second position is ideal.
14. Make brief and concise entries in all hut log books.

15. Encourage party members to observe the Minimum Impact Code. Pack out all rubbish that is not clearly biodegradable or which can not be completely burnt. Leave huts clean and securely closed.

16. If your party is late getting home telephone ahead as soon as possible. Telephone either the parent of one of the party members, the responsible person mentioned in paragraph 6, or if you are very late, the nearest police station.

17. Upon your safe return to Palmerston North telephone or call at the Police Station and have the trip list destroyed. If you don't do this the Police will telephone the responsible person whose name is included on the list, probably when they are asleep in bed.

AFTER THE TRIP

18. Ensure all Club equipment is returned to the Gear Custodian in a clean and dry condition, preferably by Wednesday but definitely within 7 days .of the trip.

19. Write up a trip account for the newsletter or get one of your party to do this. The account need not be long.

20. Report any untoward incidents, difficulties, changes to tracks or huts etc. to the Trip Convenor.

GENERAL

21. If for any reason you find you can not go on a trip you are scheduled to lead you must find an alternative leader. Only in exception circumstances (such as sudden illness) will the default of a leader be viewed sympathetically.

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TRIP SCHEDULE JULY – SEPTEMBER, 1978

JULY

1 -	2	Whakanui – Mt. Mathews – Five Mile (Rimutaka Forest Park.)	E.
8 -	9	Makahika – Mangahao (Taranuas.)	M.
	9	Burns Hut (Taranuas.)	E.
15 -	16	Rock climbing II – Titahi Bay.	E.
	16	Colonial Knob (near Porirua.)	E.
21 – 22 -	23	Taranua Main Range.	F.E.
22 -	23	Waitewaewae (Taranuas.)	M.
	27	Club Night.	
29 -	30	Top Marapea (Ruahines.)	F.
29 -	30	Waipawa Chalet (Eastern Ruahines.)	E.

AUGUST

5 -	6	Snowcraft Course 1 A. (Ruapehu.)	E.
5 -	6	Blythe Hut (Ruapehu.)	E.
12 -	13	Conservation Work Party	M.
	13	Conservation Day Trip.	E.
18 – 19 –	20	Snowcraft Course 1 B (Ruapehu.)	M.
19 -	20	Lake Surprise (Ruapehu.)	E.
25 – 26 –	27	Bannister Crossing (Taranuas.)	F.E.
26 -	27	Waiopehu (Taranuas.)	E.
	31	Club Night “The Management of the Forest Parks”.	

SEPTEMBER

1 – 2 –	3	Snowcraft Course II (Advanced) (Egmont.)	F.
1 – 2 –	3	Holly Hut – Pouakai Range (Egmont.)	E.
9 –	10	Leon Kinvig (Ruahines.)	M.
	10	Toka – Tunipo (Ruahines.)	F.
16 -	17	Sawtooth Ridge (Ruahines.)	F.E.
16 -	17	Hinerua Hut (Ruahines.)	M.
23 -	24	Navigation. Roaring Meg – Kapakapanui.	F.
23 -	24	Navigation. Roaring Meg. (Taranuas.)	E.
	28	Club Night (Interclub Quiz.)	
29 – 30 –	1	Two Peaks (Tongariro.)	F.
29 – 30 –	1	Mangatapopo (Tongariro.)	E.

CHRISTMAS

		Arthur’s Pass & Neighbourhood.	E.
		Three Pass Trip (Arthur’s Pass N.P.)	M. - F.

NOTES

1. Full details of Coming Events are given in the Club's monthly newsletter which is published towards the end of each month.

2. The approximate difficulty of trips is indicated as follows:

E -	Easy, up to four hours' walking per day.
M -	Medium, 4- 6, hours' " " "
F -	Fit, 6 - 8 " " "
F.E. -	Fitness essential, more than 8.hours' per day.

N.B. The above times are for a fit tramper. Trips often take longer than the times indicated especially when the party includes people of lesser fitness. The gradings are approximate only. Easy trips are particularly suitable for beginners and others unsure of their fitness.

3. All persons on Club trips are required to comply with the Minimum Impact Code. This includes a requirement to pack out all rubbish that is not clearly biodegradable or burnable.