



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

**NEWSLETTER**

4/80

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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.

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27<sup>th</sup> March ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC WEEKEND) RUAHINE MAIN RANGE

The intention is to traverse the Main Divide of the Ruahines from Armstrong Saddle to Trig U and make use of the Medium party's transport to get from the Makaroro Base back to the cars.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, 70-217  
Grading: Fitness Essential.  
Cost: \$5.00  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Friday morning.

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC WEEKEND) LAKE COLENZO

The route will be up the Makaroro River to Colenso's Spur, up onto the Main Divide at Te Atua Mahuru Trig, and down to Remutupo Hut. Lake Colenso can be visited in a day trip down river from there.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, 70-217  
Grading: Medium.  
Cost: \$5.00  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Friday morning.

1<sup>st</sup> May CLUB NIGHT – SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

PLEASE NOTE

This Club Night has been changed from 24<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May to enable people to get away for Anzac Weekend on Thursday night if they so wish.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1980 at 7.45 p.m. in the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St., Palmerston North.

## AGENDA

Apologies

Special Business: Subscriptions for 1980/81.

Motion: "That the subscriptions for 1980/81 be as follows:

Junior (still at school)	\$5.50
Senior	\$9.00
Family	\$10.00

and that these amounts be reduced by one dollar if paid before 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1980".

At the A.G.M. a motion was passed which the meeting thought would raise the 1979/80 subscription by 50c for Junior, and by \$1 for senior and family. The figures in that motion were incorrect and in effect did not raise the subs at all. The above motion is being put to the Extraordinary General Meeting to correct that.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Competition rules will be found in the last Newsletter, 3/80. Once again Mr. John Cleland has consented to judge the slides and prints (black and white, or colour).

All photographs must have a tramping or mountaineering flavour and there are three classes:

- (1) Novice Open.
- (2) Advanced Open.
- (3) Novelty, Novice and Advanced combined.

Remember entries close immediately before judging begins, and there is an entry fee of 10 cents for every slide or print.

Heather Crabb will have on display some of her recent original oil paintings. These will be for sale at reasonable prices.

Supper Fee (at the door) 20c.

SUPPER DUTIES: Kevin Pearce, Julian Dalefield, Peter Darragh.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May NAVIGATION EXERCISES – MAKAKAHI RIVER AREA

A little south of Eketahuna there is a nice patch of bush which should be ideal for learning how to find our way around without the aid of track markers and the like. There is an old crashed aircraft somewhere in this area. We will be fly camping on Saturday evening.

Names to:	Chrissie Elliot, 72-334.
Grading:	Fit and Easy.
Cost:	\$2.50
Grading:	7.00 a.m. Saturday.

## 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May HAURANGI RANGE

The Aorangi and Haurangi Ranges lie to the south east of Lake Wairarapa and extend south to the Cape Palliser. This will be the Club's first trip to the area: Contact Susan for further details.

Names to:	Susan Cade, 88-241
Gradings:	Fit and Medium (if enough people are interested and easy trip could also be arranged.)
Cost:	\$7.00
Depart:	6.00 a.m. Saturday morning.
Maps:	NZMS 1 ONOKE N 165 for the Haurangi Range. NZMS 1 PALLISER N 168 & 169 for the Aorangi Range.

17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May SOUTHERN MAIN RANGE – TARARUAS

A good hard trip for hardened trampers. Further details from Don.  
Leader: Don French, 73-543  
Grading: Fitness Essential.  
Cost: \$3.50  
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday Evening.

17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> May PENN CREEK

We will probably drop into Penn Creek from Tabletop on the Field's Track. Weather permitting, a wander up onto Vosseler Peak on the Main Range may be a good idea.

Leader: Don French, 73-543  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: \$3.50  
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday Evening.

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> HIKURANGI RANGE – KAWHATAU RIVER

The aim is to traverse as much of the Hikurangi Range in the Eastern Ruahines as possible before dropping into the Kawhatau.

Leader: Eric van Toor, 89-881  
Grading: Fitness Essential.  
Cost: \$3.50  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday morning.

25<sup>th</sup> May KAWHATAU RIVER

A Sunday stroll up the Kawhatau River in the Eastern Ruahines and perhaps meet the F.E. party on their way out.

Leader: Eric van Toor, 89-881  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$3.50  
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Saturday morning.

29<sup>th</sup> May CLUB NIGHT

Details in next Newsletter.

31<sup>st</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – THREE PEAKS – TONGARIRO

The object of the exercise is to traverse Mts Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro in the weekend. It can be done in two days so three day weekend gives a little extra time. Bring snow and storm gear and be prepared to camp out.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, 70-217  
Grading: Fitness Essential.  
Cost: \$8.50 plus hut fees if any.  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday morning.

31<sup>st</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

We will begin at the Mangatepopo Valley so that we can help the F.E. party with their transport arrangements. Options include camping in the South Crater or trips to Ketetahi or Oturere Huts.

Leader: Chrissie Elliot, 72-334.  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$8.50 plus any hut fees.  
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday morning.

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NOTICES

At the Annual General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1980, the following officers were elected:

President: Chrissie Elliot, Phone 72-334  
Vice President: Kevin Pearce, 70-217, who also holds the offices of Gear Custodian, Search Advisor, S.A.R., Executive Committee Member, F.M.C.  
Secretary: Terry Crippen, 63-588.

Treasurer: Don French, S.A.R. delegate, 73-543.  
 Committee: Heather Crabb, Newsletter Editor and typist, 77-668.  
 Trevor Bissell, Newsletter printer, Trips organiser  
 (June, July, August), phone 73-543.  
 Catherine Farquhar, Membership Convenor, 64-297.  
 Dianne Stanley, Social Convenor, Pahiatua 3633.  
 Vaughan Crow, Conservation Officer, 268-781.  
 Phillip Budding, Librarian, S.A.R. Delegate, 85-936

S.A.R. Callout contacts  
 and overdue trip enquiries: Kevin Pearce, Russ Johnson, Heather Crabb.

Gear Hire: Kevin Pearce is the new Gear Custodian and the  
 Club gear is still at 7 Tern Place, P.N. Phone 70-217.

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WHIRINAKI (from F.M.C. Newsletter, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1980).

The Federation has made comments on the N.Z.F.S. management plan for Whirinaki State Forest and has made submissions to the Minister of Forests and to the National Parks Authority calling for the inclusion of Whirinaki within the Urewera National Park. Recently the Minister announced that logging would continue in the dense podocarp stands according to the Forest Service management plan. Representations are continuing.

The Auckland Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Society is distributing car stickers "National Park for Whirinaki". These are available from Box 1118, Auckland at a cost of 5 cents each.

GET WELL

To Phillip Budding who broke his leg at work during March and has spent a few weeks in hospital, best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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PAST EVENTS

FURTHER SOUTH ISLAND ACTIVITIES: LATE DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY

Trevor Bissell (and others from Westland and Wellington) went up the Cook River and climbed La Perouse. Later Trevor and others went into Pioneer on the Fox Neve via Castle Rocks Hut and the Fritz Range, climbed Haidinger, and came out via Chancellor Hut and the Fox Glacier.

Terry Crippen and Colin Elliot flew into Pioneer, climbed Haidinger and Alack, and came out via the Franz Glacier, Alymer Hut and a short detour in the Callery. Terry and others also did a Fish – blue – Howe \_ Okura trip before attempting Pollux from the Wilkin.

Nic Bishop and Marty Robins did a Matukituki – Hollyford. They went via Arawhata Saddle, Williamson River, Trinity Col, and the Pyke River.

Peter Darragh and Don French did a Mueller – Dobson – Hopkins – Landsborough trip crossing Barron Saddle, Tragedy Col, Brodrick Pass. They then went up the Copland and climbed Sefton from Welcome Pass, before crossing Copland Pass to the Hermitage.

Phillip Beech and Phillip Budding did a short trip up the Tasman Glacier, but were plagued by the usual bad weather and avalanching snow.

Chrissie and Colin Elliot, Anne Flux and various MUAC bodies did a Beans Burn – Fohn Saddle – Olivine River – Forgotten (Olivine Ice Plateau) – Four Brothers Pass – Beresford Pass – Stag Pass – Pyke River – Hollyford – Deadmans – Routburn trip. Enjoyed 10 days of glorious sunshine and 4 days rain. Made good friends with the locals, i.e. keas, sandflies and mosquitoes.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March MIKIMIKI – SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE

Three of us (Beech, Budding and Crippen) were transported over to Mikimiki near Masterton in the back of a Police “paddy wagon” to join about 50 others for this exercise. Saturday morning was taken up in the instruction on: Stretcher making, helicopter use, radio operation, map reading, search procedures and poison information. The poisons were the drugs used in live deer recovery operations. An incident centred around live deer recovery was the theme of the search. This began Saturday lunch time and finished with helicopter rescue on Sunday afternoon.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 1980 BLUE RANGE – BANNISTER

Two brave souls plus a “hanger on” set off for the hills on a wet miserable Friday night. For some unknown reason it was decided that we would spend the night at Kiriwhakapapa road end shelter (maybe we couldn’t find the track – funny, it was there next morning!) Next morning we were rudely awoken by a school party from Greytown. Unfortunately this was not to be our last encounter with the school party.

We made reasonable time up to Blue Range where we dropped off one of the party who decided he wasn’t feeling very well! The rest of the party started the climb up towards Bannister; as we climbed higher our intended destination shrunk somewhat corresponding to the deterioration of the weather. On the tops it was raining and very misty. The wind was strong enough to make walking difficult. So the second bump, after Waingawa we piked and returned to Cow Creek Hut. To our amazement we found Max at the hut also. He had joined up with the school party and come up to Cow Creek Hut.

Now the fireworks started. We attempted to get the primus going. Primus did its fire spitting dragon act, sending flames two feet into the air. The primus was given a quick exit out the door and was never seen to perform again.

The two astute members of the party slept outside in a tent (P.N.T.M.C. members of course) whereas the “hanger on” decided he liked his home comforts and stayed in the hut to his detriment, because he was kept awake most of the night by the antics of two rather flighty members of the school party.

Next morning the weather was just as uninspiring as the previous day, so a quick exit was in order.

Party: Stephen Moore, Geoff Jones and Max Eby.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April EASTER AT NELSON LAKES

The trip began as a comedy of errors. People gathered at 28 Carroll St., at 3.00 p.m. expecting to catch the 6.40 p.m. ferry to Picton. However, Trev’s van was not recovered from Waverley until early evening but everyone piled in anyway and we managed to catch the 10:40 sailing (departing at 11:40). Eventually St. Arnaud was reached at 5.00 a.m. and people crashed in the van and in the bushes on the lake shore for a much needed 2 hours sleep. Susan’s party of 6 traversed the St. Arnaud Range from the township and camped in a high basin overlooking lake Rotoiti. They descended the Arnst River to a Travers River camp, ascended the Hukere Stream for a night at the Lake Anglelus Hut and exited the Park via the Robert Ridge. The other party of 4 went to Hopeless Hut via the Robert Ridge and Sunset Saddle, which was negotiated in poor visibility whilst snow was falling. Next day they waded up Hopeless (snow conditions being pretty hopeless!) and obtained limited views from the top. They also traversed the St Arnaud Range but in the opposite direction to Susan’s party. Susan’s party: Susan Cade, Max Eby, Cathy & Vaughn Crow, Anne Hayman, Peter Jamieson. Other party: Terry Crippen, Peter Wiles, Don French & Trevor Bissell.