

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



NEWSLETTER

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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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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRIPS

If you wish to go tramping or cycling over the holiday season – day, weekend or longer trips, contact Heather Crabb, 77-668 who will put trampers into contact with each other so you can make up your own parties and tramp or cycle where your fancy takes you.

17th – 19th January WELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND – CARKEEK RIDGE

Here's a ridge not visited very often by our club, but nevertheless it is well worth the distance you travel ascending various peaks on the way.

Leader:	Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543.
Grade:	F.E.
Cost:	\$3.00.
Depart:	6.30 a.m.

17th – 18th January OHAU

If weather is fine and the river is low we shall walk up to South Ohau Hut for the weekend.

Grade:	Easy.
Leader:	Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543.
Cost:	\$3.00.
Depart:	6.30 a.m.

23rd – 25th POHANGINA CROSSING

One of the crossings of the Ruahines for a fit party.

Leader:	Susan Cade, ph. 88-241.
Grade:	Fit.
Cost:	\$4.00.
Depart:	6.00 a.m. Sat.

23rd – 25th January POHANGINA RIVER

An easy weekend river trip up the beautiful Pohangina – one of the more attractive rivers in these parts.

Names to: Susan Cade, ph. 88-241.
Grade: Easy.
Cost: \$4.00.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sat.

29th January CLUB NIGHT

Barbecue at Kevin Pearce's, 7 Tern Place, at 6.00 p.m. Bring your own sausages, drinks etc. If weather doubtful ring Kevin, Phone 70-217.

NELSON LAKES – LATE JANUARY

Anyone interested in joining a trip to the Nelson Lakes National Park for 7 or 8 days late January please contact Alan Dunn, 80-249 or Jo Eder 71-785.

31st January – 1st February OTAKI RIVER

A good sidle track along side the Otaki for the first day, then its pack floating back down the second day if desired – a good fresh start to the New Year!

Leader: Roddy Henderson, ph. 63-588.
Cost: \$3.00.
Grade: Fit.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sat.

31st January – 1st February WAITEWAEWAE

It is either a quick fresh crossing of the Otaki or a trip over a rather long swing bridge depending on which track you want to take to the hut. A very pleasant bush walk most of the way. Also some old relics of steam engines on the way.

Leader: Roddy Henderson, ph. 63-588.
Cost: \$3.00.
Grade: Medium.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sat.

4th February COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, at Chrissie's, 10 Ascot St. at 7.45 p.m.

6th – 8th February WAIOHINE RIVER TRIPS

Two grades of trips up the long and beautiful Waiohine River in the Tararuas.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, ph. 70217.
Grade: Fitness Essential and Medium.
Cost: \$4.00.
Depart: 6.00 a.m.

12th February INFORMAL CLUB NIGHT

Come along and tell your tramping friends about the marvellous trips you did over the holidays. New or prospective members very welcome.

At the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 college St., at 7.45 p.m.
SUPPER DUTIES: Terry Crippen, Grant Ramsay, Chris Saunders.

14th – 15th February W.A.M.C. SPORTS WEEKEND

Names to Trevor as soon as possible for Annual Trampers' marathon.

Two grades: F.E. SENIOR
F. JUNIOR

Conditions are that entrants must wear tramping boots for running in. The main races are held on Saturday and Sunday is a fun day with all sorts of games.

If you are not up to taking part in the marathon you're welcome to come for the weekend just to watch the fun on Saturday and join in on Sunday.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543.
Grade: All welcome.
Cost: \$5.80.
Depart: 8.00 a.m. Saturday.

15th February TAMAKI RIVER TRIP

An easy day trip up the Tamaki River.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543.
Grade: Easy.
Cost: \$3.00.
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

21st – 22nd February NO MAN'S – RUAHINE CORNER

A lengthy trip for those who have built themselves up a great deal of fitness over the Christmas period.

Leader: Pete Wiles, ph. 74-129.
Grade: F.E.
Cost: \$3.50.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sat.

21st – 22nd February ARANGA HUT

A medium weekend trip into the far north eastern Ruahines with nice easy top travel involved.

Names to: Dianne Stanley, ph. Pah. 3633.
Grade: Medium
Cost: \$4.00.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sat.

26th February CLUB NIGHT

At the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 7.45 p.m. Details in next Newsletter.

SUPPER DUTIES: Catherine Farquhar, Lawson Pither, Keith Pollock.

EASY – MEDIUM TRIP TO TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

Russ Hargreaves will be camping/tramping from Mangatepopo during January. He has two seats available in his car and would also welcome another car load. For details ring Russ between 25th – 27th December, phone 79-894, or Heather Crabb, phone 77-668.

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NOTICES

NEW MEMBERS

The Club has pleasure in welcoming:
Neil Wallace, 1 Wilson St., Pahiatua. Phone Pah. 7737.
Russell Hargreaves, 28 Pinedale Pde., P.N. " 79-894.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

John Carter, C/- Mobil Oil Co., P.O. Box 1709, Auckland.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to friends in the Club have been received from John Carter, ex members Viv Bridges and Adrienne Robertson (nee Thompson).

CONDOLENCES to Bud Cade and his family on the recent sad loss of a brother.

MOUNTAINEERING BOOK

The book "Freedom of the Hills", on all aspects of mountaineering, is to be purchased by the Committee and donated to the Public Library. It is hoped that those keen on becoming mountaineers will borrow it.

TRAMPING BOOTS

Cooper's Men's Shoe shop, Broadway are offering 10% discount on tramping boots to financial members of the Club. For a letter of authority see Terry, 18 Colombo St., phone 63-588.

PROJECT BEBE

A relay marathon by disabled people will start simultaneously from Kaitia and Bluff, to meet in Wellington on April 1st, 1981, where they will be met by Prince Charles. (No, it's not an April Fool's joke). They will be passing through Palmerston North approximately between 26th – 29th March. The Club has been approached for assistance, i.e. pushing wheel chair, helping the intellectually handicapped, support for some walking disabled, manning refreshment stops etc. Those wishing to volunteer are asked to ring Terry Crippen, 63-588 or Heather Crabb, 77-668.

FOR SALE

Everest Mummy Sleeping Bag, good condition - \$120 (new ones cost \$200 plus).
Pair of John Bull climber (Rockers) boots, size 11, good condition, \$30 o.n.o. Salewa
Crampons, adjustable, size 2, \$55.
Phone Terry, 63-588.

DEHYD MEAT

The Club has got some dehydrated meat still available. \$12/kg. (elsewhere \$24/kg.)
for those long summer trips. For a meal use about 2 oz. Dehyd meat (as against 6 oz. fresh
meat), 2 oz. Spud or rice, 2 oz. Dehyd veg.
Dehyd obtained from Terry, 63-588.
Also dehyd peas \$3½ kg.

PAST EVENTS

LABOUR WEEKEND – RAINBOW VALLEY

Terry Crippen and Trevor Bissell accompanied three WTMCs (Paul Richardson, Dave
Wills and Dan Wilson) to the S.E. corner of the Nelson Lakes National Park. Access was
gained via the State Hydro road up the Wairau Valley to the Rainbow junction. The route led
from the Rainbow Headquarters over the ridge north of McKay, up the Sabine, over to the
Paske and out. McKay and Franklin were climbed on route.

TARARUA BISCUIT COMPETITION

Tararua biscuits are used as a bread substitute on long tramping trips. They should
remain fresh for a long time and should withstand the physical punishment of being
repeatedly rammed into already over full packs.

Six people supplied biscuits. These were subjected to a double drop test (from the
ceiling to the floor), several blows from an ice hammer, were soaked in water for over one
hour, were visually assessed and 'wait for it' – two brave souls even tasted them.

Carol's biscuits were judged the least acceptable and in punishment she had to eat a
milk biscuit whose past history was in doubt.

16th November DAY TRIPS TO OHAU / WAIOPEHU

A large gathering gathered at Ohau Road end on Sunday morning. Eric van Toor,
Carol Cullen, Terry Crippen, Roddy Henderson and John Sleep weren't seen for the dust as
they took off up the Ohau to Gable End Ridge, Waiopehu and out via the Makaretu River.
Apparently Terry turned back at one stage as a cripple – and hobbled back to the car.

The meeker ones of us had a leisurely wander up Waiopehu Ridge – wallowing in the
mud on the way. Lunch stop and brew was at Edward's Shelter and then some of us went on
to Waiopehu Hut before turning around. Terry had a brew waiting for us on our return to the
car.

The group was Barbara McArdle, Peter McARdle, Allan Dunn, Jo Eder, Russ, Tricia,
Lisa and Jimmy Hargreaves, Dave McFarlane, Sally ? and Chrissie Elliot. A good day's
outing.

23rd November COPPERMINE CREEK

On a wet, watery, windy, wintry morning at the beginning of summer, 10 assorted
people from 8 years old upward, and a dog, ploughed through the rather swollen, brown river
to the hut. Russ had the billy boiling soon after the stragglers arrived. Alannah, the dog, was
dried off on Heather's shirt and the Children were warmed up with tea.

The rain eased off and everyone was eager to be off – somewhere – anywhere. Four
went upstream to inspect the mine shaft and ironmongery and the rest climbed up onto the
ridge behind the hut.

We rendez-voused at the hut for lunch and lots of hot tea, then made our way back to
the cars early as the river was rising. Glenn, the gallant knight, often had to carry Alannah
across the river.

Those taking part: Russ, Lisa, Patricia and Jimmy Hargreaves, Rosemary and
Alannah Hall, Glenn Osborne, Paul Boeming, Irene Butcher, Neil Wallace, and Heather
Crabb.

LAST FORMAL CLUB NIGHT

Neil Wallace, Trev Bissell, and Kevin Pearce presented slides of various South Island areas and North Island to induce some keenness into the coming one or two or three months of tramping.

29th November KUMETI ROUNDABOUT

The Maharahara Track seemed to be a good place to take Russ's small children, but they piked and went to Grandma's. Thus Russ, Jimmy, Lucy and Trevor ascended the track on the spur south of the Kumeti Stream to be greeted by a wall of mist and rain. Obviously no views would be had from Maharahara so we investigated the track along the ridges towards Oruakeretaki Stream. Tiring of track walking a 2½ km bush bash was used to reach the farmland again.

Trip members: Russ Hargreaves, Jimmy Hargreaves, Lucy Davies and Trevor Bissell.

30th November KAPITI ISLAND

The launch operator described the seas as "slight" and reassured his passengers that the boat would recover from a roll to any angle! We were running against the swell and so the "chunder bucket" indulged in a sharp pitching motion. Our team scored 3 "chucks" but the opposition group (also 12 in number) won with 4.

All enjoyed the bird life on the Island (the wekas and kakas expect to be fed at all times and the ranger's wife entreated us to use cheese and dates rather than junk food). It seems that the birds do not know what is good for them either.

Kapiti is a good place for native ground birds since stoats, weasels, feral cats and especially the "ship rat" are absent. Attempts are being made to rid the Island of the opossum.

The return trip to Paramatta harbour was made in a following sea with only a gentle pitch and yawing motion; chunder score 0 all. Considerable excitement was generated by the sighting of porpoises close to the boat.

Party: Trevor Bissell, Julie Cade, Carol Cullen, Gary MacKay, Nigel Seebeck, don Scott, Mike Freeman, Paul Boeming, Jenny Merton, John Sleep, Peter Wiles, Trevor Brill.

CHRISTMAS AT RANGI

Some very keen people plus friends from Colombo St., flat decided to take a very early start Saturday morning i.e. 2.30 a.m. while the rest of us left at a reasonable hour from the Supersave carpark around 7.30 a.m. The day was absolutely beautiful – hardly a cloud in the sky or a breath of wind. It's amazing what Huey will do when you learn the right knack of asking him.

Very loud, out of tune singing was taking place when the second to last party arrived on the scene. It soon stopped and then it was all hands in to preparing dinner for 28 of us. It was all good fun with lots of cheer with many thanks to those who helped in the preparation of food.

Those who attended were: Jo Eder, Barbara McArdle, Debbit Hunt, Trevor Brill, Lucy Davies, Alan Dunn, Russ Hargreaves and three children, Terry Crippen, Jenny, Roddy Henderson, Peter Darragh, Carol Cullen, Eric van Toor, John sleep, Tim short, Philip Budding, Lawson Pither, Sue Streeter, Heather Crabb, Chrissie Elliot, Peter Wiles, Don French, Leonie and Dianne Stanley.



A BRIGHT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND HAPPY TRAMPING IN 1981.