



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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## **ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS**

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE SUPERSAVE CARPARK, FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP, YOU MUST ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP, CONTACT THE PERSON RUNNING THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

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## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **28 July – Club Night – Bob McKerrow**

This will be an excellent evening's entertainment as Bob McKerrow will be talking and showing slides of Peru, Antarctica, Africa, S.E. Asia, Nepal and New Zealand.

7.45 p.m. Thursday  
227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms

### **30 - 31 July**

Snowcraft 2 has been postponed until early September because many of our instructors are heading south to the big snow during August.

### **31 July – Day Trip – Herepai and Ruapae Tararuas**

A popular area with Club members' combining bush and river walking, this is a good day trip.

Leader: Barry Scott, ph 71731  
Grading: Easy  
Departs: 7 a.m. Sunday

Also this weekend there is an Avalanche Course at Mt Egmont on which there may be a couple of spare places. Contact Catherine, ph 87799 as soon as possible if you would like to be included.

### **4 August – Committee Meeting**

At Barry and Christine Scotts', 45 Buick Crescent, P.N.

### **6 – 7 August – Otaki Forks - Waitewaewae – Manakau**

Hopefully a loop trip from the North Manakau Road end to Otaki Forks. Will probably involve some bush-bashing but probably no snow.

Leader: Colin Hoare, ph 80363  
Grading: Medium  
Departs: 6.30 a.m. Saturday

Names also to Colin for a day trip this weekend to the same area.

### **11 August – Informal Club Night – Local Trips**

This evening will consist of slides and talks on day trips that can be done locally. Full details will be given next Club night.

### **More Avalanches Courses.**

6 –7 August at Whakapapa

13 August at Turoa

For both these courses places will have to be reserved if you wish to attend. Please contact Catherine immediately if you are interested.

### **14 August – Renata Ridge, Tararuas**

This is a good day trip in an area not often visited by the Club.

Leader: Peter Clough  
Grading: Medium  
Departs: 7.30 a.m. Sunday

### **20 August – Day Trip – Mt Hector, Tararuas**

Exact destination subject to fitness of those taking part.

Leader: Linda Russ  
Grading: Open, at this stage  
Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday

### **25 August – Club Night – Ashley Gould**

A look at some different trekking areas overseas. Full details next newsletter.

### **27 - 28 August – Sawtooth Ridge**

One of the classic Ruahine trips. Ice axe and crampons a necessity for this one.

Leader: John Barkla, Ph 73543  
Grading: Fit  
Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday

Names also to John for an easy day trip, Sunday 28.

### **Future Trips:**

3 - 4 September Snowcraft 2, Whakapapa  
10 - 11 September Waipawa Saddle, Rangi Saddle  
10 - 11 September Avalanche Awareness Course, Whakapapa. Contact Catherine, ph 87799 now to reserve a place.  
17 - 18 September A chance to put Snowcraft 2 skills into practice on Mt. Egmont.  
2 September Ski touring trip is being arranged.

### **Notices:**

#### **1. New Member**

Brenton Sheppard 29 Julia Street, Pahiatua ph 8047 or 8941

#### **2. Change of address**

Stephen Moore c/o E.A. Greenwood, Soldier Road, Ohakune Junction  
Linda Keall Taonui Rd, R.D. Feilding ph 377857

3. **Gear**

Please respect the gear that you hire from the Club and return it to Philip Budding in the same condition you received it. Cutting cord off tent flies to use for other purposes just isn't on!!!

If anyone wishes to hire boots contact Farmers Supply, but most other items are available from gear custodian Philip Budding, ph 85936.

4. **Cost of trips**

After considerable discussion at a recent committee meeting it has been suggested that the cost of transport for Club trips is at the discretion of the driver (within reason!) Sometimes it may be necessary to ask for more than a contribution towards petrol; general wear and tear can be quite high on some rough access roads.

Leaders are also entitled to ask you for a deposit towards the trip cost before you leave and in future some leaders may do this. It applies particularly to trips where the hire of a vehicle is involved.

5. **Annual debate**

This fun evening is scheduled for Thursday 15 September. Please note this is not our usual Club night, but to give members of M.U.A.C. plenty of time to study for exams we have brought the date forward. It is P.N.T.M.C.'s turn to present the topic for debate; any suggestions for this or volunteers for the team contact Nigel Seebeck, ph 89043.

6. **Flatmate wanted**

Mature person to share home, furnished room, use of garage if required. \$25 per week, share expenses. Contact Sheena Taylor, 26 Sutherland Crescent, P.N. Phone 76665 home, 72119 work (leave message)

7. **For sale**

Cross country skies (3 sets)  
170 cm with Bindings and poles  
190 cm with Bindings and Poles  
210 cm with Bindings and Poles  
Sloes sizes 6,9,10½

Ski Touring Bindings (1 set)  
Marker M4-12 (1 season old)

Ski 175 cm Medium Ski  
All items P.O.A.  
Nigel, ph 89043

8. Just a reminder of the range of items available at discount prices from F.M.C. Copies of the various safety manuals, Field Guides to Common N.Z. Trees, Mt. Cook Guidebook, A.A. Book of N.Z. Walkways, Moirs Guide and a selection of parkas and jackets. These can be purchased at 25% discount – use the order form at the back of the F.M.C. bulletin.

9. **Map Orders**

We can get 33% off Lands and Survey topographical maps if we order them through the Club, so think about the requirements for your proposed summer trips. Let John Barkla, 73543 know so an order can be made.

10. **Avalanche Reporting**

If you see an avalanche or its debris then the Avalanche Data Centre at Lincoln College wants to know about it. Reporting forms are available from John Barkla.

11. **Avalanche Awareness Courses**

These are either one- or two-day courses for the general public, run at weekends. They cover basic understanding of snow structure and avalanches, and the ways to recognise and minimise hazards in outdoor recreation in snow environments. A course fee will be charged to cover costs.

Dates of courses are included with trip details at the beginning of this newsletter and as it is essential to book a place well in advance of the course, please make up your mind now and ring Catherine, 87799.

### **NEWS of Peter Darragh**

Peter will have arrived in London by now (19 July) and will be sweltering in the 30°C + temperatures they are experiencing. A recent letter to a Club member included the following extracts:

"Well I'm well and truly on the road now. Spent a couple of days in Singapore doing all the tourist things, then on to Bangkok, again doing the standard tourist things. I gave the live shows a miss though....."

"Turkey is a great place to holiday and is extremely cheap to survive and live from day to day. A beer is about 25 - 30 c and meat can cost about \$1. Although the areas we have visited are tourist oriented the people are all very friendly and helpful, I might visit again....."

"At present exercise is very hard to get so expect by the time I get to the U.K. I'll be very unfit so will have to get a push bike quick and get out of my lax ways".....

Safe tramping  
Peter

### **A Final Word:**

One may be forgiven for forgetting to take a torch on a day trip, but forgetting one's sleeping bag on a Bushcraft course? I ask you. And I didn't see the person concerned at our recent gear evening either!

### **ACCOUNTS OF PAST TRIPS:**

#### **Day Trip at Aokautere - 15 May**

Eventually everybody arrived and 13 of us set out across Trevor's farm then up into the hills.

After the first big grunt we all stopped for a minute to catch our breath. Then off again along a metal road heading North and then dropping off down through the pines to the creek in which we headed up stream for about 15 minutes.

Then we branched off up a small side stream and ran into some giant stinging nettle which we had to sidle and eventually getting back up on to the tops to enjoy the view. A big hint was thrown out so we stopped for lunch at 11.30 a.m.

After an interesting discussion about life in the army, 1½ hours later we packed up and headed off down the ridge back to the main creek about 150 m from where we left it.

About 2 p.m. we made our way up on to a road which runs through the pines.

The thought of tea and hot scones back at Trevors aroused great interest so a brisk pace was made for home. Two keen members headed off back to town on their bikes while the rest of us enjoyed the afternoon sun and talked about different countries we had visited.

Thanks to Trevor's mum for the scones and tea. A great day was had by all.

We were; Andrea Forster, Glenn Cleaver, Anne Kaandorp, Les Robieson, Diane Miller, Peter and Nanette Clough, Michelle Hobday, David Timmins, Colin Hoare, Anne Bishop, Doug Strachan.

#### **Sarex '83'**

After a moderately exciting bus trip we (Sixtus 2) and others arrived at Sixtus Lodge in preparation for Sarex 83. After securing a pit the evening began with a quick bite and then a talk from A.R.E.C. on how to (and how not to) work the TR105 S.A.R. radios, with a practical session at the end.

Briefing followed with each group being named and given areas for the next day.

Rising for breakfast and further briefing, this time on how to handle an Uroquis helicopter. Due to bad weather we were (Sixtus 2) only flown a short distance to the base of our search area instead of the top as planned. Going via the Heritage Lodge Track we headed for Tunipo Track which was to eventually get us to the tops. However this didn't eventuate and at our 3rd sked we found that our radio had packed it in and we couldn't make contact with Base. Fortunately (Sixtus 1) M.T.S.C. wandered up the track behind us and contact was made using their radio.

Staying with M.T.S.C. we ventured up the track to the leatherwood knowing full well we were not going to find anything as the search area was already narrowed down to between Iron Gate Hut and Triangle Hut area. With that

knowledge we were able to spend a night at Heritage Lodge with M.T.S.C. and the Rifle Rod and Gun Club which made for an interesting evening.

The Foxes also opted for a dry bed and walked out to Triangle, which unofficially terminated the exercise. The next day the lot of us from Heritage Lodge were bussed back to Base (Sixtus Lodge) for a meal and debrief. All in all the exercise went well remembering it was only an exercise.

Team (Sixtus 2) was; Lorraine Tremain, Daryl Rowan, Trevor Brill, Nigel Seebeck.

N.K.S.

**Traverse Herepai Hut – Holdsworth Road end – June 3 - 6**

It is understood that Brenton Shepherd, Phil Robertson, Rodger Redmayne and Daryl Rowan of the Bush Tramping Club and P.N.T.M.C. enjoyed perfect weather and snow in the Tararuas, Queen's Birthday Weekend. A full Trip account has been promised to the Editor for the next Newsletter.