



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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PALMERSTON NORTH
NEWSLETTER
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ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE SUPERSAVE CARPARK, FERGUSSON 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.

COMING EVENTS:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Further notice is hereby given that the A.G.M. of the P.N.T.M.C. will be held on Thursday 29 March 1984, commencing at 7.45 p.m. in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, Palmerston North.

Nominations for the positions of Patron, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor and not less than five committee members are required and nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting. Nomination forms are provided at the end of this newsletter.

AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Confirmation of the minutes of the last A.G.M. arising
- Presidents report
- Treasurers report
- Election of officers
- General Business

EXTRA: Slides of Rangī – past to present

Recently several club members enjoyed assisting in the demolition of the old Rangī Hut. After the business of the A.G.M. there will be a chance to see Rangī coming down and review some of the good ol'times there.

31 March - 1 April – Tararua

Ohau Forks to Girdlestone Saddle, Pukematawai and Te Matawai Hut. Out via Gable End Ridge.

Leader: Daryl Rowan, ph 64655
Grading: Fit
Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday

1 April – Day Trip – Kopakapanui, Tararua

Climb up to Kopakapanui peak behind Waikanae, then down into the Ngatiawa Stream which has some excellent swimming holes. Bring your togs.

Leader: Peter Clough, ph 61271
Grading: Easy
Departs: 7 a.m. Sunday

7 - 8 April – Ruahines

An investigation of the Pourangaki area of the Ruahines north of Rangī Hut. Two trips will probably take place, fit and easy.

Names to: Peter Wiles, ph 86894
Grading: Fit and easy
Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday

12 April – Club Night

"How to hire your own porter and guide for a trek to Everest Base." Full instructions and some excellent slides will be shown by Trisha Eder

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

14 - 15 April – Panatewaewae – Waitwaewae

The area around these two peaks east of Manakau provides excellent opportunities for untracked bush travel. Several round trip possibilities for easy day and fit weekend trips.

Names to: John Barkla, ph 73543
Grading: Easy and fit
Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday

20 - 23 April – Easter

Ruahine wandering: in to Parks Peak Hut, Armstrong Saddle, Waipawa Saddle, Rangī Saddle out to Kawhatau Base.

Leader: Linda Russ, ph 87799
Departs: Friday morning
Grading: Fit

26 April – Club Night

Because this Thursday is so close to Easter and many club members are planning to be away there will be no formal club night. However if you're at a loose end open house will be held at Catherine's, 28 Ashford Avenue, P.N. Usual time.

28 - 29 April

Anyone interested in a trip this weekend phone Linda or Catherine, 87799. Something can be organised. ANYTHING can be organised.

NOTICES:

1. Change of address

Peter Wiles 12 Jensen Street Palmerston North

2. Payment of annual subscriptions

Subs are now due. Pay to the Treasurer at the A.G.M. or as soon as possible:

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| Family | \$10.00 |
| Senior | \$9.00 |
| Junior | \$5.50 |

Advance notice is given of the local M.S.C. A.G.M. to be held on 3 May. Speakers at the evening will include Bert Youngman, ex Chief Ranger at Mt. Cook.

4. **For Sale** Woman's size 5 tramping boots in "as new" condition. Would like \$30.00. Phone Judith Relp 61911 8.00 - 4.30 p.m. or 89172 after 6 p.m.

TRIP REPORTS:

Caution.....

Warning to those thinking of doing a loop from Coppermine Creek to the Whareti Ridge and back to Coppermine – the leatherwood grows mean and tall on the ridge above Billy Goat!! Nevertheless 11 day tripping trampers forced their way along the ridge until the wiser decided finding aged track markers in the bush was a better sport!! A pleasant wander back along the creek to the cars for watermelon and dozing in the Sun.

The group: Darren Scott, Anne Jaggard, Joanne Mulvena, Alan Good, Wendy Kaandorp, Sue Heine, Damienne, Moana, Melana and Trisha Eder, Arthur and Liz Todd, Linda Russ.

18 - 19 February – Totara Flats

Boy Scouts and more boy scouts. What's more they were passing us!! The track up Holdsworth was certainly busy but we did have weekend packs. Down to the Waiohine and some use the cage, others waded the river. On to Totara Flats for the late afternoon sun and camp in the patch of trees near the river. A quick dip, dinner and retire to sleeping bags.

Sunday. Catherine and Michelle return to the vehicles. We continue down valley, sidling high and low, once or twice losing the track. Some gentle rain, a little mud and eventually Wall's Whare. Finally a short wait for the vehicle in the warm sun. We were: Michelle Hobday, Wendy Kaandorp, Raewyn Farquhar, Anne Jaggard, Catherine Farquhar and John Barkla.

25 - 26 February – 'ON!

Apart from a bit of confusion as to where we were going to at the club night, the trip went smoothly. Well not really. Confusion very quickly arose with having three Johns, two Dons and the odd man out, Big Stevie.

The Makaroro River (north eastern Ruahines) was our start point. We had a race up the river bed which was slowed to a realistic pace on Colenso Spur.

Our problems started with lunch on top of Te Atua Mahuru – an hour in the sun snoozing and heating up. The weather was rather hot and the smoke filled air limited our vision to only the foothills, but snow capped Mt. Ruapehu stood above it.

The afternoon could not be deemed one of the great events in tramping history. We had at the most 15 minutes tramping every hour but by a respectable hour reached Sparrow hawk biv for the night.

Next day, a bit more alive, it was along the ridge climbing Maropea and a number of other bumps and down for a quick look at 'Sunrise Hut' (near Armstrong Saddle). We retraced our steps to a slip which gave us access to Gold Creek. After about half an hour's pleasant travel a waterfall was encountered that kept us occupied for the best part of an hour.

The remainder of the creek passed quickly. At the Makaroro it was a compulsory swim before the return home.

The team: John Barkla, John Goulstone1 John Lanigan, Don McKellar, Don French, and Stevie Moore.

2 - 4 March – Ruahine Crossing

Don kindly offered to arrange transport for this trip and came as far as Rangī Hut with us before returning to Palmerston on the Friday night. It was our first look at the new hut, at this stage consisting of walls and roof and little else inside.

On Saturday morning we left before 8.00 a.m. and two hours later found us on Maungamahue. Although overcast the weather was very humid and rain was expected. The long haul to Te Hekenga passed remarkably fast although the next section consisting of an eroding arete, took a lot of mental and physical energy. Storm clouds over Tiraha sent us scuttling along the ridge so as to be on the home run if the weather really deteriorated. We had lunch on the peak with interrupted views of Sawtooth Ridge. A short wander in the afternoon saw us at Howletts Hut, six hours after leaving Rangī.

Sunday morning we awoke at 7.00 a.m., put the watches back one hour, had breakfast and left at 7.00 a.m.! The joys of the end of daylight saving. We had a short stop at Daphne Hut after the knee jarring descent from Howletts and then continued down the Tukituki River to the road end.

At Daryl's insistence we walked for a further 8 - 10 km to fill in the morning and were picked up by Don at 2.00 p.m. The party: John Goulstone, Daryl Rowan and John Barkla.

10 March – Ohau Gorge – Tararuas

Throughout the walk into Ohau Shelter the noise of the river aroused suspicions as to the volume of water in the Gorge below. Some people took a little convincing to eat their lunch at 10.30 a.m. We set off down the river, finding it slow going over wet boulders but gradually gaining confidence and speed.

At the first of the deep pools it was a great sight to be at the back and see numerous heads bobbing up and down. Catherine also found it amusing and let out a wolf whistle as Daryl removed his shirt. Unfortunately this upset her balance and she plunged unexpectedly into the deepest part of the pool.

However this was just the beginning of numerous swims. Towards the end of the gorge the wind had got up and the immersions became less and less enjoyable. Finally, the Levin water intake came into view and with it a track on to the farmland. Those in the group were: Anne Jaggard, Daryl Rowan, Allan Good, Arthur and Liz Todd, John Lord, Dorothy Davis, Catherine Lord, Don McKellar, Catherine Farquhar and John Barkla.

P.N.T.M.C. NOMINATION FORM

I, (print name) HEREBY ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT / VICE-PRESIDENT / TREASURER / SECRETARY / COMMITTEE MEMBER (delete those not applicable.)

Signature

Proposed by

Seconded by

Note: Nominee, proposer and seconder must all be club Members.