



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 NO FRILLS 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 LEADER OF THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

COMING EVENTS:

25 April – Formal Club Night

Tonight we will be showing a film from the 'Something Ventured' series. The subject is Ski-mountaineering (tramping on planks) in the Tasman Glacier region. A good precursor for the winter season ahead.

27 - 28 April – Holdsworth Area, Tararuas

Lots of scope for a leisurely Tararua tramp here visiting Mountain House, Powell Hut and who knows where else?

Leader: Doug Strachan, ph 75732
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7.30 a.m.

Thursday 2 May – Committee Meeting

All members are welcome to attend and marvel at the workings of the new committee.

Time: 7.45 p.m.
Location: Mike Freeman's flat at 578 Featherston Street (down a right of way).

May 4 – 5 – Tokomaru Crossing

An unusual route across the Northern Tararuas.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph 73543
Grade: Medium Weekend OR Fit day trip
Departs: Saturday 7.30 a.m.

May 5 – Eastern Putara

A fascinating open topped hill in the eastern Tararuas. Bring picnic lunch and sunglasses and DON'T FORGET food for the leader (he especially likes carrot cake!)

Leader: John Barkla, ph 73543
Grade: Easy
Departs: Sunday 8 a.m.

May 12 Western Tararuas, Mauakau Road

A day trip in the bush and streams in the Pauatewaewae and Waikawa (Kaitawa) valleys. A good place to practise bush navigation, so bring your compass.

Leader: Catherine Farquhar, ph 80363
Grade: Medium
Departs: Sunday 7.30 a.m.

May 16 Informal Club Night

Following the success of recent block-buster movies, we have our own epic on getting high in India. John Roberts will be showing slides of climbs he made in the Himalayas last year. Co-starring Don French.

Time: 7.45 p.m.
Location: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street

May 18 - 19 Dundas Ridge, Tararuas

A chance to get into the heart of the Tararuas for the weekend.

Leader: Heather Clay, ph 67149 (work hours)
Grade: Medium - Fit
Departs: Time to be finalised nearer the date.

May 19 Toka, Ngamoko Range

A mixture of bush, scrub and tops is planned in this attempt to bag a peak in this outlying range of the Ruahines.

Leader: Peter Clough, ph 61271
Grade: Medium
Departs: Sunday 7.30 a. m.

May 25 - 26 Eastern Ruahines

An original route in the Waterfall Hut, Broken Ridge, Middle Stream area.

Leader: John Barkla, ph 73543
Grade: Fit
Departs: Saturday 6 a.m.

May 30 Formal Club Night

Tonight is the night for all budding photographers to pull out their best efforts from the past year for the annual photographic competition. The contest will be judged by John Cleland, and each contestant is restricted to 3 entries in any one class. There will be 3 sections

- a) monochrome prints
- b) colour prints
- c) colour slides

and within each of which there will be 3 classes

- 1) Landscape
- 2) Topical (action, humour etc.)
- 3) Natural History

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ENTER, subject only to the rule that photos must not previously have been entered in a P.N.T.M.C. Competition.

Time: 7.45 p.m.
Location: 227 College Street

June 1,2,3 Queens Birthday Weekend

Snowcaving on Paretetaitonga and/or snowcaving on the Plateau, Ruapehu. Crampon and ice axe experience essential (as are sunglasses!)

Leader: Mike Freeman
Grade: Medium - Fit

Departs: Saturday 5 a.m.

If anyone is interested in something closer to home on Queens Birthday Weekend contact Damien Eder with ideas (ph 71785).

NOTICES:

1/ **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The A.G.M. held on 28th March once again provided those attending with some heated discussions and the added excitement of a tie in one of the ballots.

The following were elected as officers for 1985/86

Patron/Auditor	Lawson Pither	73033
President	Mike Freeman	
Vice President	Peter Clough	61271
Vice President	Nigel Seebeck	89043
Secretary	Heather Clay	
Treasurer	Peter Wiles	86894
Committee Members and Portfolios		
Philip Budding	Gear Custodian	85936
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Darren Scott	Refreshments	71675
Nigel Seebeck	Publicity, Social	89043
Peter Wiles	Library, Printer	86894

2/ **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

After lengthy discussion, the A.G.M. resolved that subscriptions for this year would remain unchanged, with the proviso that they may be reviewed later in the year if our subscription to Federated Mountain Clubs (Inc) is revised. For those of you who have forgotten, our subscriptions are:

Family	\$15.00
Senior	\$12.00
Junior	\$ 7.00

ALL MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1985/86 ARE NOW DUE AND MAY BE PAID TO THE TREASURER AT THE NEXT CLUB NIGHT.

3/ ALL TRIP LEADERS ARE REMINDED that for every trip they should leave an intentions' list with EITHER one of the Club contacts for overdue trips OR with Palmerston North Police Station, detailing who is on the trip, where it is going, and when it is expected to return. Leaders MUST also notify the contact concerned of the safe return of the trip. Any leaders unsure of these procedures can obtain details of leaders' responsibilities from Philip Budding.

4/ The new Committee wishes to extend special thanks to the outgoing members of last year's Committee. They are:

John Barkla
Catherine Farquhar
Daryl Rowan

We hope to see them now enjoying a more care-free association with the Club.

5/ **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome into the Club this month

Dave Newstead
Dave Crawford
Garth Harmsworth

6/ **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

There will be renewed efforts this year to maintain the Club's involvement with Search and Rescue. All members who are prepared to be on a call-out list for searches are asked to contact Nigel Seebeck (89043) or Philip Budding (85936) for further details.

7/ **NEW MAP**

Members may be interested in the appearance of a new map of the Ruahine Forest Park, similar in style to the map of the Tararua Forest Park. Printed on paper, with the map on one side and information on the reverse, the map is on a scale of 1:100 000 with contours at 50 metre intervals. Currently copies are available from the New Zealand Forest Service in the Government Life Insurance Building in Palmerston North. Price: \$3.30 per map.

8/ **CLUB GEAR**

Members are reminded that the following gear is available for hire:

	Charges (\$)	
	Up to 3 Days	3 - 10 days
Billies (4 + 6 pint)	0.50	1.00
(8 pint)	1.00	
Tent Flies	1.00	
Ropes (climbing)	1.00	2.00
(river)	0.50	1.00
Tents	1.00	2.00
(with ground sheet)	1.50	
Primus	1.00	
Fuel Bottle (500ml)	0.50	
Ice Axes	1.00	
Crampons	1.00	
Packs	1.00	
First Aid Kits	FREE	FREE

Contact Philip Budding, gear custodian, on 85936 for further details.

9/ **WEDDING BELLS**

Congratulations to Alan and Nicky Good on their marriage in February .

TRIP REPORTS:

ABORTA -CONTORTA 23 - 24 March

For those who don't know, Pinus contorta is an introduced tree, which has become a pest in parts of the Central North Island. Some benighted individual planted some in the Kariori Forest in the 1930's; from there, it has flourished and spread into the southern sections of Tongariro National Park, where it shades out and kills the native vegetation if left unchecked. (It's not much fun for tramping through, either!) Every year tramping clubs have the opportunity of sending work parties on the eradication programme, without which the southern flanks of Ruapehu would become smothered with this tenacious, worthless plant.

This year our Club sent a party of 21, who travelled up on Friday night to SixCross Camp, just off the Desert Road Summit. There we were accommodated in large army tents with (luxury of luxuries) camp stretchers – quite comfortable. The rest of the camp's amenities were pretty basic; nowhere to sit down to eat, and communal toilets, 6 seats in a row (with no partitions) and only an open slatted gate at either end – presumably to stop the sheep from wandering in.

On Saturday and Sunday under the supervision of ex-Club-member Karyn Bishop (now working for the Park Board), we were driven to the Whangaehu River in an army truck, from whence we had an hour's walk to the work area – a gully and associated ridge covered in little green pines. We then proceeded to attack these with all means available – slashers, loppers, chainsaw or just hard pulling. The weather was superb, which certainly helped the enthusiasm. The result of the combined efforts of our group and 13 from the Waikato T.C. was a gully cleared of living trees, strewn with the felled trees left as a warning to others!

Many thanks to those who took part. Anyone who doubts the value of this exercise obviously hasn't been on enough of them. See you next trip! This years pinus contortionists were: Lorraine, Corrine and Warwick Bray; Nanette and Peter Clough; William Cossar; Yvette and Vina Cottam (Manawatu T & S Club); Mary Craw; Terry Crippen; Julian Dalefield;

Trish, Damienne and Moana Eder; Linda and Daryl Rowan; Philippa Sommerville; Doug Strachan; Liz and Arthur Todd; Peter Wiles.

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Easter Monday, Eastern Ruahines

We arrived at the road end by the Tuki Tuki River just in behind from Ashley Clinton in good time from leaving the ex Super Save Car Park at 7 a.m. After a quick decision we split into two equal groups and each went on their merry way.

Group A had a leisurely day strolling up to the scrubline and down again the very overgrown track of Government Spur. There was lots to admire in the lush green bush including the bird life (bellbirds, fantails, riflemen, pigeons) and the tastes of a native hot pepper tree. We did hear the stags roar – maybe one of the Johns up on the ridge?!

Group B tramped up the Hinerua Hut, onto Ohuinga Peak, along Black Ridge and finally down Government Spur. A good day with extensive views from Ohuinga looking west, but cloudy to the east where we spent most of the time.

We were Lorraine Bray, Nanette Clough, Patricia Eder, Catherine Farquhar, Phillipa Sommerville, Sheena Taylor one group, and the others John Barkla, Peter Clough, Mary Craw, John Goulstone, Kirsten Simonsen, Doug Strachan.