



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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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.

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## COMING EVENTS:

### 25 July Formal Club Night

Time again for the annual debate between P.N.T.M.C. and the Massey University Alpine Club. The motion to be debated is "There should be more development in our hills", and M.U.A.C. will (probably) take the affirmative. Either way we hope our team will argue more effectively and retain the coveted trophies for a second year. Interjections from the floor are welcomed (especially if aimed at the opposition!) so come along to support your team and be entertained.

Time: 7.45 p.m.  
Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College street, P.N.

### 27 - 28 July Snowcraft 1

A follow-up from the introductory snowcraft course for those wishing to practise and improve techniques such as step-cutting, self arrest etc. The base will be Rangipo Hut on Mount Ruapehu.

Leader: Mike Freeman, ph 61137  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Friday 6.30 p.m.

### 27 July Round Trip to Rangī Hut

A chance to practise navigation and map reading skills on this day trip to Rangī Hut via the new alternative route. Hopefully there will be lots of cloud and crud!

Leader: Trish Eder, ph 70217  
Grade: Easy  
Departs: Saturday 7 a.m.

### **1 August Committee Meeting**

All members are welcome to attend, just listen or actively contribute to the running of the Club by raising issues of interest.

Time: 7.45p.m.  
Venue: Peter Wiles' abode at 12 Jensen Street, P.N.

### **3 - 4 August Eastern Tararuas**

An alternative route to Herepai Hut via Putara, Mangatainoka Stream and the Shermans Track.

Leader: Brenton Sheppard, ph 70109  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: Saturday 6.30 a.m.

### **11 - 12 August Snowcraft**

For those who have been on the previous snowcraft courses, this course provides further practice in the techniques learnt, plus an introduction to the use of crampons, rope and belay techniques. Attendance at a pre-course lecture will be required (probably Wednesday 8th August, but contact the leader to confirm) and don't forget your Mountaincraft Manual. Venue for the course will be Tahurangi Lodge, Mount Egmont.

Leader: Nigel Seebeck, ph 89043  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: 6 p.m. Friday

### **12 August Day Trip to local Ranges**

An easy trip to an area as yet undecided.

Leader: Damien Eder, ph 71785  
Departs: A civilised hour.

### **15 August Informal Club Night**

Tonight we will be showing another film from the "something Ventured" series by the Mountain Safety Council. The subject is canoeing and caving.

Time: 7.45 p.m.  
Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Room, 227 College Street, P.N.

### **17 - 18 August Western Tararuas**

A strenuous week-end trip going from Otaki Forks to Kime Hut and thence to the Waitotauru River.

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

### **17 August Day Trip Tararuas**

For those wanting something a little less strenuous, this easy trip will also explore the area around the Otaki Forks.

Leader: Darren Scott ph 71675  
Grade: Easy  
Departs: 7 a.m. Saturday

### **24 - 25 August Three Peaks, Tongariro National Park**

A point-to-point route, staying clear of ski fields and huts. Experience and a high pain threshold essential.

Leader: Mike Freeman, ph 61137  
Grade: Fitness Essential  
Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday

For those of a less masochistic disposition, an alternative trip to Tongairiro National Park is offered for this weekend. This will be going into the Hauhungataki Wilderness Area, and may attempt to scale the fourth highest (and largely neglected) volcano in the Park. Some snow is expected, so this would be a chance for snowcraft participants to practise some of their new skills.

Leader: Peter Clough, ph 61271  
Grade: Medium  
Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday

### **29 August Formal Club Night**

Bob Cresswell will take us for a botanical tour from sea level to mountain top, showing (with the aid of slides) the changes in vegetation and habitat. Bob is a member of both the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society and the N.Z. Alpine Club, and has acquired a detailed knowledge of our mountains over the years.

Time: 7.45 p.m.

Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, P.N.

### **31 August - 1 September Kaimanawa Range**

No specific details as yet, but this will be a fit trip with a camp out on the Saturday night.

Leader: Peter Wiles, ph 86894

Grade: Fit

Departs: Saturday, early morning.

### **NOTICES:**

#### 1/ **Change of Address**

Philip and Linda Budding  
State Highway 1  
Carnarvon  
R.D.3  
Palmerston North  
Phone Rongotea 780

**PLEASE NOTE:** Since Philip is the gear custodian there will be some changes in the arrangements for borrowing gear. For a while Philip and the gear will be in different locations, but those wishing to borrow gear should contact Philip at his new home to arrange a suitable time and place to pick it up.

#### 2/ **New Member**

James Gordon, 75 College Street ph 87465

3/ Many thanks to Damienne Eder for organising Midwinter at Rangī this year (even if it was a week late!), and to all those others who prepared food or carried fuel and gear up to the hut to make the dinner the high-point of the weekend.

#### 4/ **Rangī Photos**

At the Club's committee meeting a motion was passed committing the Club to installing a board in Rangī Hut with a photographic record of the huts on the site. So anyone having photos of the huts, old and new, (being built or pulled down, in sunshine or in mist, empty or crowded) which might be suitable for reproduction are urged to contact Nigel Seebeck – soon. (phone 89043).

#### 5/ **New Zealand Alpine Calendars**

Once again these calendars are being offered with a discount for Club members, and an even bigger discount for bulk orders of 5 or more.

Normal retail price \$9.95

Discount price to Club members \$8.50

Price with bulk orders \$7.65

Bulk orders must be in by the end of August so contact Peter Clough with a deposit of \$1.00 by the August formal Club night. If we have enough names and deposits by then a bulk order will be sent off to qualify for the full discount of \$2.30.

#### 6/ **1986 Mountain Marathon**

A mountain marathon is being organised for 23 - 24 February 1986 by the Wairarapa Orienteering Club. This involves 2 days of strenuous activity in competition with yourself, fellow contestants and the elements. There will be four courses of varying length, two involving overnight camping out, the other two returning to base between day trips.

The marathon is open to teams of two people, who will carry a prescribed amount of gear. Anyone interested in entering, or in obtaining further information should contact Heather Clay (ph 61137) who has the details on file.

#### 7/ **Conservation Week**

This year the week of 3 - 11 August has been designated as Conservation Week, the theme of which will be "People Need Plants". So lock your paraquat away for a while, since even weeds have their redeeming features!

8/ **Pack for sale**

MacPac Aspiring at \$80.00 Phone Trevor Brill 70098

9/ **Lost and Found at Rangī**

One small Tupperware container containing milk powder. Anyone who thinks it might be theirs should contact Peter Clough, (61271)

**TRIP REPORTS:**

**29 - 30 June Midwinter at Rangī**

Okay, so maybe it was a week late, but if we'd really gone up on the weekend of the solstice we would have been blown all over the place. As it turned out, this weekend was a bit cool and wet, but not unpleasant. An advance guard travelled up on Saturday, some via the Oroua River the rest by the direct route, and 9 of us to carouse our way through the evening hours. The following morning, after a brilliant sunrise, some of us strolled up to the tops before the others even got up, and came back to find the hut piling up with the day-trippers, arriving from all directions, carrying the food. By sheer weight of numbers (or is there something wrong with us) several other parties were deterred from entering the hut, so we had a filling dinner in cosy surroundings before heading back to the cars soon after 3 p.m. (How about a Saturday dinner in future, so festivities can go on into the evening? Contact the Editor with ideas on this matter).

Those present included: John Barkla, Karyn Bishop, Trevor Bissell, Trevor Brill, Heather Clay, Nanette and Peter Clough, Mary Craw, Terry Crippen, Julian Dalefield, Damienne and Tricia Eder, Catherine Farquhar, Ross Fletcher, Mjke Freeman, Michael Jenkins, Sheryl Peters & Dirk, Chris Saunders and family, Urs Schupbach, Darren Scott, Doug Strachan, Lesley Warburton and Charman. (Apologies to those I've forgotten). Congratulations to Doug and Mike for cycling – one way to ensure a good appetite!

**16 June Piripiri Stream, Ruahines**

A rather wet morning did not deter any would-be trampers. Julian led us along a multitude of farm tracks before we crossed the last high terrace and edged down a steep slip into Piripiri Stream, a tributary of the Pohangina River. With numerous small waterfalls and large boulders, the travel was slow until people sorted out a rhythm (involuntary swims and battered knee caps).

A fixed rope helped with one of the larger waterfalls in the upper valley and by lunch time we had discovered Piripiri Hut, 100m above the stream among the pepperwood. Untimely rain forced all into the hut to munch sandwiches and have a quick snooze. The return trip was quicker and we were back at Piripiri Road in time to explore the large limestone cavern beneath the bridge. Without torches we had just enough light to wander down the stream and observe several side passages and waterfalls and search in vain for cave wetas.

We were: John Barkla, Julian Dalefield, Kirsten Simonsen, Sheena Taylor, Darren Scott, Lorraine Bray, Lesley Warburton, Tricia Eder, Alison M, Carol McKeever and Sheryl Peters.

**Midwinter Weekend: Southern Ruahines**

We parked the car beside the Makaretu bridge about 10 km north of Norsewood. After about an hour's walking up the river we dropped our packs and spent some time looking for the Happy Daze Hut. Basic accommodation only. We continued upstream and soon turned into the north branch. The rain that had been falling continuously since P.N. now became rather heavy and we noticed the stream becoming steadily dirtier and rising. We passed a number of potentially good campsites and reached Awatere Hut for early lunch. Opposite the hut we found the track that climbed up to Moorcock Saddle. In rather lighter rain but misty conditions we headed up to Longview Hut. The hut, although gloomy, was very welcome for us to change into dry gear and spend the rest of the afternoon in the pit.

We got going at about 8.30 a.m. with some snowflakes falling. This eased after about half an hour. A good track follows the ridge top south along the main range for about 7 km. In about 2 hours of misty travel in light breezes, we reached the turnoff to the south branch of the Makaretu. A descent through some pleasant bush brought us down to the valley floor, where we had a stop for refuelling at the Makaretu Hut. (Leon Kinvig fans should note there is reputed to be a new track linking these two huts.) We headed downstream (mostly on terraces) until we reached the junction with the north branch again. The river which had been trivial to walk up was now about twice as wide, deep and swift, and required more care. The walk down stream to the car was the worst part of the trip as it was impossible

to keep warm. The car (and shelter) was reached in time for lunch. In fine weather it would be a very pleasant trip at any time of year, covering a multitude of landforms in a short distance.

The wet duo were: Peter Wiles, John Barkla.

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