



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 FOODTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WANT TO GO ON A TRIP, PLEASE 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.

Members are reminded that a charge for transport will be collected on the day of the trip, the amount depending on the distance traveled and vehicles used. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance.

COMING EVENTS

24th - 25th June – Dundas Ridge, Tararuas

Can you be tempted by a mystery trip to Dundas Ridge in the Tararuas? Urs has a route in mind but I haven't been able to catch up with him to find out what it is! This part of the Tararuas is always worth the effort of getting out of the bush.

Leader: Urs Schupbach ph. 80245
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday early?

24th June - Day Trip in the Tararuas

John's liking for Tararua tracks takes this day trip to Harris Creek Hut via Dick Creek, Baber Saddle and the Puketarua Track. Sounds good.

Leader: John Thomson ph. 74320
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7am

29th June - Club Night

Tonight Moe Turoa will talk about efforts being made in the conservation of two endangered coastal plants. The newly formed Conservation Corps have been working on a project aimed at identification and conservation of plants along the coastal Manawatu. Come along and hear what efforts are being made and why this work is important.

Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms
227 College St, Palmerston North
Time: 7:45pm

30th June - 2nd July - West - East Crossing of the Ruahines

PNTMC's mid-winter dinner will be held at Sunrise Hut on the Eastern Ruahines on Saturday night 1st July, so Phil has decided to take the longer route to get his meal! This trip will go from the west, past Purity Hut - Waterfall Hut and come out at Sunrise in time for dinner.

Leader: Phil Clerke ph. 82041
Grade: Fit
Departs: Friday 6pm

1st July – 2nd July – Sunrise Hut, Mid Winter Dinner

This is the day to celebrate mid-winter, so bring out the steamed puddings and good hearty food and make your way to Sunrise Hut. Tricia needs to know EARLY if you plan to be there so she can coordinate transport and food.

Leader: Tricia Eder ph. 70122
Grade: Easy
Departs: Saturday 7:00am

6th July - Committee Meeting

At Brad's Place. Open to Committee members and interested Club members.

Venue: 436 College St
Time: 7:45pm

8th July - Ngamoko Biv, Ruahines

This trip caters for ultra-slow-easy day tripper's (to keep Linda company) and the speedier easy-medium strollers (to keep Daryl company). We will go up onto the Ngamoko Range to Toka and try to find the Biv just north-east of the high point.

Leader: Linda or Daryl ph. 64655
Grade: Easy - Medium
Departs: Saturday 7:00am

9th July - Atene Walkway, Wanganui

If you have never been on the Atene Walkway you have missed out on some lovely country, views and vegetation. Ann is giving you (and those who want to go again!) the opportunity to join her on this day trip.

Leader: Anne Young ph. 70153
Grade: Medium
Departs: 7:00am

13th July – Club Night

Tonight we hope to have someone to speak to us on Wanganui National Park - its history, and characteristics of special interest to trampers.

Venue: Society of Friend's Meeting Rooms
227 College St, Palmerston North
Time: 7:45pm

15th July - Medium Trip Southern Ruahines

A day trip close to home. Wharite - Coppermine - Billy Goat Creek, in which order only John knows!

Leader: John Thomson ph. 74320
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7:00am

16th July - Easy Day Trip Southern Ruahines

Coppermine Creek - Wharite. Have you been along the new super-track DOC put in? Come along and have a look.

Leader: Tricia Eder ph. 70122
Grade: Easy
Departs: Sunday 9:00am

22-23rd July - Hikurangi Range, Ruahines

Jenni will lead this trip from Kawhatau Base along the Hikurangi Range to McKinnon and Crow Huts. If it's a clear sunny weekend, great views of Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe can be expected. There may even be some snow on the range itself.

Leader: Jenni Madgwick ph. 590536
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 6:00am

23rd July - Longview Hut, Eastern Ruahines

A day trip to Longview Hut (which overlooks Pohangina Saddle) from the east. Alternative to Awatere Hut if the southerly winds are too strong to make the Range trip pleasant.

Leader: Margaret Riordan ph. 67460
Grade: Easy
Departs: Sunday 8:00am

27th July - Club Night

Tonight Brad will present a variety of slides and information on Snowcraft skills - showing situations where knowing how to walk on snow, or how to belay, makes a journey safer and more pleasant. If you are thinking of going on any of the Club Snowcraft Courses – attendance should be a must.

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Time: 7:45pm

28-29-30th July - Tongariro National Park

We have two weekend trips to this wonderful area. Alison will lead a hard medium (6-7+ hour day) trip from the Chateau to Waihohonu Hut - Oturere Hut - Red Crater - the saddle between Ngauruhoe and Tongariro - then back to the Chateau via the Mangatepopo Track. Meanwhile Liz will take an easy weekend trip from the Chateau to Waihohonu Hut and return the same way. Either trip should be a great weekend.

Leader: Medium - Alison McColl ph. 89326
Easy - Liz Morrison ph. 76532
Departs: Friday 6:00pm

3rd August - Committee Meeting

At Brad's Place. Open to Committee members and interested Club members.

Venue: 436 College St
Time: 7:45pm

5-6th August - Eastern Tararuas

Mark this weekend in your calendar now! A trip to the Eastern Tararuas details of which will be available from The Leader.

Leader: Graham Peters ph. 65581
Grade: Medium
Departs: Saturday 7:00am

6th August - Manawatu Gorge Trip

A day trip above the gorge. This track goes along the southern side of the gorge providing views both east and west.

Leader: Monica Cantwell ph.83834
Grade: Easy
Departs: Sunday at a respectable hour.

NOTICES

HAPPY TRAVELS

A number of active PNTMC members have packed their bags and are heading off to various parts of the globe for a little adventure and a lot of fun:

- John Wright - has headed off to the North American continent and expects to be back In August.
 - Tony Gates - has gone wandering in South America and is also expected back in the beginning of August.
 - Ruth and Urs Schupbach - depart in early July for a 12 month visit "home" to Switzerland.
 - Mark Bown - is off to the land of Oz in late June and then on to China for a spot of caving (depending on the weather). Due back Sept.
 - Kevin Pearce - also off to glimpse life above and underground in China.
- Best of luck on your journeys and we look forward to hearing of your exploits on your return.

More on Transportation Costs

Costs are calculated at \$0.10/km. The final sum should be divided between all the passengers in the car (i.e. the driver is excluded). This assumes a full car (driver and say 3 passengers). Where there are less passengers the costs should be adjusted to ensure the full costs are covered. Peter Wiles has calculated some transport costs on this basis, let us know if they cover costs adequately:

DISTANCES AND NOMINAL VEHICLE COSTS: RETURN TRIPS TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS

(MAY 1989)	(ONE WAY)	ROUND TRIP COST
DESTINATION	KILOMETERS	AT \$0.10/KM
North Egmont	242	\$48
Stratford Plateau	213	\$43
Dawson Falls	216	\$43
Ketetahi	226	\$45
Waihohonu	189	\$38
Waipakahi	189	\$38
Mangatapopo	224	\$45
TOP-OF-THE-BRUCE	226	\$45
MUAC Hut	195	\$39
Turoa	198	\$40
Kawhatau Base	94	\$19
Rangi Road end	83	\$17
Oroua valley Rd end	78	\$16

Pohangina Valley	50	\$10
Diggers	42	\$ 8
Mangahao No 2 Dam	45	\$ 9
Pipe Bridge Ohau	59	\$12
Otaki Forks	88	\$18
Kapakapanui	94	\$19
Titahi Bay	126	\$25
Five Mile Track	155	\$31
Makaroro Base	131	\$26
Waipawa River	131	\$26
Tukituki River	109	\$22
Moorcock Base	109	\$22
Tamaki Stream	70	\$14
Coppermine Creek	42	\$ 8
Mangatainoka Road	78	\$16
Ruamahanga River	80	\$16
Kiriwhakapapa	90	\$18
Pines	112	\$22
Holdsworth Lodge	123	\$25
Walls Whare	136	\$27

Can you help?

Derrek Sharp (Ph 297868) lives in Ashhurst and would like to get to Club nights as often as possible. Unfortunately he doesn't have transport. If you pass by Ashhurst either to/from Club night and can help Derrick with transport please call him.

PNTMC and the Hut Pass System

Don't forget if you want to use huts and associated facilities then you require hut passes. You can purchase Hut Pass tickets on Club nights from Peter Wiles. The price to Club members is 80% of what would normally be paid. Please remember to put the tickets in the box at the hut.

Address Updates

Please make these additions, alterations to the 1989 PNTMC address list:

Stuart Boyd,	26 Hardie St., P.N.	Ph. PN 66235
Tony Cameron,	24 Buick Cres. P.N.	Ph. PN 65461
Mary Crow,	R D No 3, Palmerston North	Ph. (Glen Oroua) 297-868
Marion Smith,	7 Ilford Place, P.N.	Ph. PN 592-033

Gordon Derricott has had his surname changed by deed pole to May. He would appreciate it if you could now address him as Gordon May.

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

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We as a Club have been asked to contribute manpower several times this year. In the last callout Linda (the SAR contact) had trouble getting a group together partly due to lack of phone numbers (up-to-date work and home) and knowledge of Club member's experience.

Can you help us put an up-to-date list of contacts together by filling in the questionnaire (available at the Club nights or by phoning 64655). Please return the form to Linda Rowan as soon as possible.

DON'T FORGETS!

* Snowcraft Courses. The Club provides the opportunity for interested members to participate in one or all of three courses - Basic (August 25-27th), Intermediate (September 8-10th) and Advanced Snowcraft (September 22-24th). Brad Owen (ph. 83467) is the coordinator of the courses - phone him for more details.

* Annual debate against Massey University Alpine Club. Held in the winter months - can you think of a suitable topic for debate or would you be interested in joining PNTMC's team for some wit and repartee? Give your name to any of the Committee members.

* Ring Early to put your name down for a trip and to guarantee a position. Anyone calling after the Thursday before the trip may miss out as transport, etc is generally coordinated by Thursday night.

* PNTMC Gear: Hire - the Club gear (crampons, ice-axes, billies, flies) can be hired at a nominal cost from Daryl Rowan ph. 64655 and picked up at a pre-arranged time. Book early for gear, take care of it while in your possession and please return it as soon as possible after the completion of your trip.

Photo Competition

This annual event was held on June 15th. A fine crowd for the evening and some great slides and photographs. Thanks to judge John Cleland.

The SLIDE results:

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| Landscape | 1. Phil Clerke - Mowhonganui River
2. John Barkla - Reay Valley
3. Phil Clerke - Fiordland
4. Sally Hewson - Abel Tasman N.P. |
| Nature | 1. John Barkla - Kaka
2. Phil Clerke - Stink-Horn
3. Phil Clerke - Fungi |
| Open Topical | 1. Urs Schupbach - "Burning the Rubbish" Murchison Hut
2. Tricia Eder - River Crossing, Anatoki Forks
3. Tricia Eder - Through the Spaniards, Lonely Lake |

The PHOTOGRAPH results:

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| Landscape | 1. Terry Crippen - Kepler Mountains, Fiordland
2. Liz Morrison - Blue Lake, Red Crater, Tongariro N. P.
3. Mary Crow - Mt Cook from Hooker Hut. |
| Open Topical | 1. Liz Morrison - Take a Break, Armstrong Saddle. |

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all those who entered.

So you aren't that fond of winter tramping. There may be "hope" for you.....

Americans Forsake the Great Outdoors

The morning air is sweet with the scent of evergreens. The landscape is serene, the temperature unseasonably warm. Ed Grilli, 67, laces up his sneakers and starts a brisk 6km hike.

"Isn't this a beautiful country" he rhapsodises.

Grilli isn't talking amber waves of grain or purple majesties above the fruited plain. He's talking a vast mesa of shoe racks and costumed mannequins. He's talking Radio Shack, Thorn McAn and Dockter Pet Centre. He's talking the 126-store Southshore Shopping Plaza Centre.

More and more Americans are forsaking the pleasures of strolling the great outdoors for the climate-controlled comfort and piped-in music of the local mall. They are mall-walkers - fitness buffs who find nothing so invigorating as a few laps around the potted plants and the ersatz waterfalls.

Their numbers are growing in leaps and bounds. Avia International, a division of footwear maker Reebok International, estimates there may be as many as 500,000 mall walkers in the USA. To capitalise on the new market, Avia recently introduced a \$US45 walking shoe designed "to give extra traction for smoother, slicker mall floors" and "to propel the body's momentum forward"...

But aficionados say the advantages of indoor strolling are obvious. Malls are heated in winter and air-conditioned in the summer. It never rains.

- Wall Street Journal via the National Business Review.

TRIP REPORTS

POURANGAKI AREA - June 10-11th

This is only a short trip report, not because we didn't go far enough but because there were only two of us!

It was certainly a "follow your nose" type trip. We weren't really sure where we would go until we got up to Iron Peg on Saturday morning. Once up there the tops looked that good there was no turning back. The snow has really melted with the mild northerly weather we had had for the last few days.

A few Moro bars later we were standing on Ohuinga. The cloud level was slowly getting lower but undeterred we headed off along Sawtooth. By the time we had reached the other end our tanks were empty so it was a well earned lunch stop. A little cold to stay long, so off again. Over Te Hekenga (or what is left of it) to Mangamahue - a few "seed" bars later. A stumble over Pourangaki; then after following a "poled route" with only one pole, we dropped down to Kelly Knight Hut for the night.

A real magic day - at one stage we actually had showers all around us but Hughey was on our side so they didn't get close.

A quick walk out to the car at the Purity car park then back to Palmy after the required ice-cream stop.

An excellent walk - well recommended.
We still are Bruce Barnes and Phil Clerke.

Sunday 11th June - Maharahara

Sorry our leader was not able to join us on this most enjoyable tramp. Left our usual place just after 9 am with 3 full car loads. The day was damp, drizzly and warm, but no heavy rain.

Started out after 10 over hilly farms on a poled route. Our first stop was the bright red hut on the bush line, which always looks nice from a distance down.

After peeling off clothes, and checking us in the log book we started our ascent in two groups. The first group waiting at a turn-off to the left (people have been known to take this wrong track and thus go down not up!). We noticed quite a lot of bird life around us.

Our lunch spot on the top was at about 12.30 in cold, windy, misty conditions (no view). We all had a hurried lunch, then some photo taking behind the sign "Maharahara", and then made our descent rapidly. All out and accounted for by 4 pm. Nice to see new faces in the party.

Co-leaders: Chris Saunders and Monica Cantwell, Dennis Winfield, Tony Lyall, Mat Preston, Mary Craw and sister, Derrek Sharp, Heather Dobie, Roderick (12yrs) and Alasdair (8yrs) Saunders.

Slow Tramp to Rangī (Another story for Linda) By Mr Ruahine

Snow. Enormous amounts of snow. Freezing southerlies. The weather forecast was amazing, with that deep depression over most of N.Z. storms and blizzards forecast. So it was no surprise to hear of the Desert Road, Gentle Annie and several other roads being blocked by snow. Time therefore, for a trip to a favourite ,wee hut - Rangī.

Picked my mate up 7am and we drove to the Rangī carpark. Can you believe we skied at the carpark! Amazing! Pretty grotty weather, though, what with northerly-ish drizzle. The snow didn't look like it would last long. Nevertheless, we shouldered our packs, must see our favourite Ruahine hut under heavy snow. Certainly was a slow trip, Linda. Took us all of 2 and 1/2 hours, heavy snow plugging most of the way, until we were forced to wear our skis. That was amazing, you know, the sort of snow skiers dream about. Difficult to find the track in places and of course the occasional "dollop" of snow falling off the trees. Wet. It was a photographic trip to the hut, as the drizzle stopped, and the sun attempted to shine.

Rangī Hut - what a sight!. Nearly buried (exaggeration), at least covered with maybe half a metre of snow. Shelter and a fire, brew and a feed, that's what huts are for eh!

Why do we always talk about the weather? because it seldom remains constant. So, the drizzle returned once more, we stoked up the fire. Our enthusiasm and energy however remained, so it was on with the gear and out to do battle. Yuk, but at least we can say we did it. And in style too. Skiing at Rangī is truly great, you just have to be tough!

The real answer to the question is that the weather gets better as you head home. The next day was fine!

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PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBERS:

EMPLOYER:

WORK
NAME

HOME
CONTACT NUMBER

YOUR NEXT OF KIN:

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER

TRAMPING EXPERIENCE

(Please circle the option that is appropriate for you)

TRAMPING:

I normally do EASY	MEDIUM	FIT tramping trips.
I normally do WEEKEND	DAY	BOTH trips.
I rank my fitness as suitable for EASY-MEDIUM		FIT-VERY FIT trips.
I have led Club Trips		YES NO

NAVIGATION:

I know how to use my compass and map	YES	NO.
I feel confident to use a compass and map to navigate in adverse weather	YES	NO.

SNOW EXPERIENCE:

I have attended BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED snowcraft courses.
I feel confident in tramping in snow conditions		YES NO.

FIRST AID SKILLS:

I last completed a First Aid Course in (year):		
I have a general first aid knowledge	YES	NO.

RADIO SKILLS:

I know how to use the SAR TR105 radios	YES	NO.
I attended the Club night on the use of the TR105	YES	NO.

SAR EXPERIENCE:

I have been a team member on Search and Rescue	YES	NO.
I have been a team leader on Search and Rescue	YES	NO.
I did a Search and Rescue exercise on (year):		

AVAILABILITY:

I am available anytime (within hours) for a SAR callout	YES	NO.
I will need at least 24 hours notice	YES	NO.
I will generally not be available	YES	NO.

TRAINING:

I would be interested in joining in training in (please tick):	
Navigation and Bushcraft	Search and Rescue Exercise
Snowcraft	First Aid