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TRIPS OFTEN LEAVE FROM THE FOODTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSSON STREET UNLESS THE LEADER ARRANGES OTHERWISE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING 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.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A DAY TRIP MID-WEEK SEE DETAILS BELOW, OR RING Lawson and Sue Pither (357-3033), or Monica (354-3834), Nancy (358-8241), John (358-3513).

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.

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMME

Please sign your name in the visitors book. There is a door fee of 30c which includes supper.

Club meetings are held for all club (and intending) members on the last Thursday of each month and the Thursday two weeks prior to that evening. The venue is the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North, at 7:45 pm unless otherwise notified in the newsletter.

The PNTMC committee meets on the first Thursday of each month.

SCHEDULED EVENT LIST

FEBRUARY

Committee meeting 3rd; Club Nights: Thursdays 10th and 24th.

10th – Map and compass excursions

24th – Slides from summer trips etc.

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
<u>FEBRUARY 6</u>	Te Hekenga Xing	FE	Mick Leyland	358-3183
<u>FEBRUARY 6</u>	Kapakapanui	E/M	Dave Hodges	358-5981

<u>FEBRUARY 6</u>	Manawatu Gorge by canoe	All	Aaron Panchaud	354-8422
<u>FEBRUARY 13</u>	Herepai	E/M	Stuart Hubbard	359-3450
<u>FEBRUARY 12-13</u>	Ngamoko Range	F	Nigel Barrett	356-1568
<u>FEBRUARY 19</u>	Cattle Creek	E/M	Chris Saunders	358-4899
<u>FEBRUARY 19-20</u>	North Egmont / Rock / Tech	All	Trevor Meyle	356-8782

NORTH TARANAKI (SNAG) CLIMBING TRIP 19-20 FEBRUARY

The committee has got me leading a trip up to the Taranaki Alpine Club (TAC) lodge to do a bit of climbing on the rocks. No real biggie, the rock is good, and there is a good bit of it hidden away. You don't get tourists standing round, either giving unasked for advice or telling all about how great they were before the real big fall arrived and they had to give it a miss. The weekend will be a layback affair, all climbing to be top roped, not much danger. Club members doing bomb craters into the foot of the cliff will be stripped of the clubs gear and their bodies removed so as to not upset the rest of the team. I have no certificate of instruction, have passed no tests of proficiency, and will not be responsible for any injuries occurring on the weekend.

AIM

To give club members a chance to doing some rock aping, mainly to see if they dislike it intensely or may come to enjoy it.

ADMIN AND LOG

1. The trip list closes on the 3rd February. It will be limited to 4 pairs (8 people).
2. Area will be around the "Organ Pipes", Northish of Lion Rock. However we have to start in the Public viewing area of around the TAC Lodge.
3. People are to bring a sit harness and safety helmet (bike one Ok).
4. The club will be asked to provide the club's ropes for the trip.
5. Cancellation of trip will be by phone NLT 7 pm Thurs 17th Feb.
6. Depart Palmerston Saturday morning 7 am (departure point to be confirmed) expect arrival back in Palmerston approx. 4 pm Sunday.

RULES

Only one, while near the rock face, do as you are told, when you are told, without question, and without discussion. One of the few times climbing becomes dangerous and deaths occur, is when people piss around. If you think that you may have trouble adapting to this style of leadership, don't come.

Trevor Meyle 354-9126

<u>FEBRUARY 26</u>	Maharahara	M	Jenny McCarthy	06-376-8838
<u>FEBRUARY 26-27</u>	Sawtooth Ridge	F	Tony Gates	357-7439
<u>FEBRUARY 26-27</u>	Lake Dive	E	Malcolm Parker	357-5203

MARCH

Committee meeting 3rd
 Club Nights: Thursdays 17th and 31st (AGM).

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
<u>MARCH 6</u>	Roaring Stag	M	Judy Stockdale	355-5277

<u>MARCH 4/5-6</u>	SAREX	M/F	Linda Rowan	356-4655
<u>MARCH 13</u>	Takapari Rd.	Mtn Bike	Aaron Panchaud	354-8422
<u>MARCH 13</u>	A-Frame (Takapari)	E/M	Tricia Eder	357-0122
<u>MARCH 12-13</u>	Waterfall Hut	M/F	Chris Saunders	358-4899
<u>MARCH 20</u>	Te Atuaoparapara	M	Tricia Eder	357-0122
<u>MARCH 19-20</u>	Waikamaka	E/M	Perry Hicks	355-1393
<u>MARCH 19/20</u>	Crevasse/Glacier	Tech	Peter Wiles	358-6894
<u>MARCH 26</u> (First in first served, as numbers are usually limited in this popular trip.)	Kapiti Island	All	Tricia Eder	357-0122
<u>MARCH 26-27</u>	Sparrowhawk/Maroepa F		Nigel Barrett	356-1568

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMME

Later in year: Graham Langton on some aspect of the history of New Zealand mountaineering and much more.

EDITORIAL

The following summarises DOC's (Hawkes Bay Conservancy) intentions regarding the future of huts in the Kaweka and Ruahine Ranges.

Hut Name	Comments	Recommendations
Kaweka Huts and Bivvies		
Lotkow	Recently burnt down	Don't replace
Back Ridge	Serves animal control role	Retain
Comet	Road end – not essential	Replace with camping area
Makahu	Road end – not essential	Replace with camping area
Cameron	Important safety role	Retain
Ballards	Important animal control role	Retain
Otutu	Animal Control	Retain
Ruahine Forest Park - Ongaonga		
Coppermine	Not required	Remove
Whitnell Lodge	Close to other huts	Remove
Happy Daze	Close to other huts	Remove
Ellis	Historical value	Retain
Centre Makaroro	Close to Barlow Hut	Relocate
Broom	Low usage	Relocate
Kaumatua	Close to road	Remove
Herricks (old)	Close to other huts	Remove
Awatere	Animal control, popular	Retain, interest group might maintain
Parks Peak	Hunter, Trumper Moderate use	Retain/assess for relocation
Aranga	Outside park	Consult landowner
Kylie Bivvy	Safety role	Assess with Aranga
Tarn Bivvy	Low use, poor location	Remove
Taruarau Bivvy	Private land	Consult landowner
Sentry Box	Close to road	Remove/replace with shelter
Dianes	Moderate hunter use, private land	Consult landowner
Poutaki	Animal control	Retain
Mistake Bivvy	Private land, Blue duck surveys	Consult landowner
Rockside Bivvy	Animal control	Retain
Dead Dog	Animal control	Retain
Ruahine Forest Park - Pohangina		
Top Waikamaka Bivvy	Nearby hut	Remove
Opawe	Close to road	Remove/assess shelter

Ngamoko Bivvy	Safety role	Remove/consult interest groups
Centre Creek Bivvy	Animal control	Remove, or interest groups to maintain
Te Ekaou	Useful	Remove, or interest group to maintain
Waikotore Biv	Used by experienced parties	Retain
Diggers Fork	Upgraded, used by hunters	Retain, or maintain by interest groups
Crow	Hunters and trampers use	Retain in short term, assess at later date
Mid Pohangina	Mainly hunters	Retain, or maintain by interest groups
Ruahine - Tracks		
Ross track	Low use, poor condition	Close
Mangapapa track	Low use, poor condition	Close
Raingauge track	Low use, poor condition	Close
The Flounder	Access via private land	Close
Car park – Swamp track	Confusing to hunters	Close
Staircase Junction – Triplex Hut	Alternative legal access	Retain
Barlow-Parkes Peak-Craigs Junction	Overgrown	Assess for loop track
Makaroro River-Aranga Spur	Obsolete	Close/seek opinion of users
Kaumatua Hut-Road end	Other tracks nearby	Close
Dead Dog-Rukautonga	Animal control	Retain unmarked
Ikawatea Forks Hut-Apias Stream	Discourage due to Blue Duck habitat	Retain unmarked
Shutes Track-Tararua River	Important link to Comet	Retain as marked route
Government Spur	Low use overgrown	Close
Apiti Track	Pohangina access	Retain as marked route
Moorcocks Saddle-Awatere Hut	Animal control	Retain as marked route
Foots Mistake	Animal control	Retain as marked route
Big Hill Stream-Hericks Spur	Animal control	Retain as marked route
Taruarau Bivvy-Kaou Stream	Low use, overgrown	Close
No 2 line	Low maintenance	Retain as unmarked
Te Ekaou Hut-Makawakawa Stream	Low maintenance	Retain as unmarked
Centre Creek-Takapari road	Useful for hunters	Retain as marked route
Ngamoko Hut-Ngamoko Range	Animal control, safety	Retain as unmarked route
Tunipo Tent Site-Whanhuia Range	Seek group involvement to maintain	Retain as unmarked route
Crow Hut-Mokai Patea	Low maintenance	Retain as marked route
Crow Hut-Hikurangi Range	Low maintenance	Retain as marked route
Kaweka Forest Park - Tracks		
Tussock Hut-Mangatainoka	Animal control	Retain unmarked
Tussock Hut-Mangapapa Stream	Has scenic potential	Retain unmarked, keep options open
Mackintosh-Lotkow	Loop track, easy access	Retain unmarked, keep options open
Lotkow-Don Juan	Potential for winter use	Retain as unmarked, review
Kiwi Saddle-Studholme Junction	Loop track for trampers and eventing	Retain as marked route
Cameron Hut-Kuripapango	Safety	Retain as marked route
Makino-Middle Hill	Potential loop for Mangatutu Springs	Retain as marked route but review
Mt Manson-Manson Bivvy	Moderate animal control	Retain as unmarked route
Ngawapurua-Otutu	Passes through private land	Downgrade to unmarked route
Bellbird bush	Opportunities to view limestone	Retain
Maraetotara Gorge	Low use, values	Close
Tutira	Campers use, low maintenance	Retain, reassess

It looks like some action will be required to campaign for the future of some choice huts and tracks.

NOTICES

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

If you are unable to make it or expect to be late, please ensure that your apology is forwarded to the secretary in advance. Next meeting at Pauline's place - 7 Just Place.

MAP ORDERS & HUT PASSES

We are intending to put a bulk map order into FMC to get the bulk discount. If you need coverage of a new area, or have lost a map or have covered your favourite sheet with red lines and need a clean sheet (to coin a phrase) or just like to indulge in some armchair tramping then get your order into Tony as we plan to get the order away in February. We are also taking names for anew order of hut passes - also give your name to Tony.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bruce and Anne Van Brunt who now have a son in their family.

TRIP REPORTS

Don't forget (leaders) please get your trip reports in or use your short lived powers to delegate to an unsuspecting team member. How about a letter to the editor, perhaps, or some good gossip, or a poem or what ever.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE RUAHINES -

For information about access to the Ruahine Forest Park, check out the recently published "Ruahine Forest Park: A Guide to Family Walks, Tramping Tracks and Routes" by Kathy Ombler (\$14.95). Sounds like an overdue publication and should be useful for the club to have a copy or two.

TRIP REPORTS

TREKKING IN THE ANDES IN PERU by Monica Cantwell

GEOGRAPHY

Peru is a country of 22 million people; 8 million of which live in Lima. Peru borders Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Chile and Bolivia. The Andes go down through several of these countries. Half of the population is found in the Highlands. They are rural Indians and mainly farmers. The main language is Spanish. Peru is the third largest country in South America. The Andes are the second largest range of mountains after the Himalayas. Peru's highest peak is 6,768 m. Many others exceed 5,000 and 6,000 m. Very rugged peaks are separated by deep canyons and rivers.

Lima is the capital and is situated on the Pacific coastline, which is a desert. The city is not a very nice place - no green anywhere, smelly and dirty. Coastal fogs blot out the sun. The waste products of Lima all go out into the Pacific. The city is overcrowded, polluted and noisy. Traffic is everywhere - mostly old Volkswagens, which were made there. Many poor people come down from the highlands searching for a better life, but most end up living in shanty towns on the bare hillsides, with no water, lighting or sanitation. Having said all this there are interesting places to visit- ruins, monasteries, churches and a priceless private museum of gold artefacts (two floors full of mostly Inca origin).

THE INCA TRAIL

This is the best known and most popular trek on the continent. Although on our six days trekking, we only met two Dutch people. We had three high passes to go over, the highest reaching 4,200 m. The trail was often steep with deep ravines through which the Urubamba River flowed. Now and again, we could see the high peaks. The jungle area was very interesting, with climbing orchids, lush green vines and lots of colourful flowers - all unknown to me. There was not much bird life, but we could hear the odd parrot and we spotted a few colourful butterflies.

THE TREK

We had three guides. The chief guide was 63 years old and this was his 158th time crossing over this part of the Andes. The other guides were a Scottish person and a local from one of the villages. We had lovely two person green tents. We were woken at 6 am. with a cup of tea and washing water. The porters (some 26 of them) carried everything because the track is too steep for mules to climb (I was told). One chief cook and his assistant did all the cooking. The cooking was done in a small round tent.

The weather was mostly hot with some days cloudy. One day was wet when we climbed over one of the high passes (called Dead Woman's Pass) a nasty storm caught us. At night it was very cold. Our average walking day would have between 6 and 7 hours.

THE INCA RUINS

The ruins are scattered all over the Cuzco and Machu Picchu area. The most spectacular and best known is the Machu Picchu (or lost city). The outside world was unaware of its existence until an American historian from Yale university, a Mr. Hiram Bingham, stumbled upon them by accident in 1911. Everything was overgrown. He returned in 1912 and 1915 to begin to clear the vegetation. I consider the engineering; the cutting and fitting of the gigantic blocks of stone to be one of the wonders of the world. On our last day of climbing to come upon a small gap in a wall and to look ahead about 1 km to see this huge ancient city, was truly a sight in a lifetime. All over the mountains are ruins, but much of the history has been lost.

PERSONAL VIEW

I left on 12th October travelling via Argentina. Like my trip to Nepal last year, I joined up with another group of British people. I had some idea as to what fitness was to be expected. We met up in Lima and flew to Juliaca and from there took a bus to Puno, which is at 3,000 m. Most people were affected to some degree by the altitude (mine lasted for three days). The problem I think was flying from sea level, instead of trekking up. We did not start trekking for another three days, which was a relief. Puno is situated on Lake Titicaca. The highest navigable body of water in the world. We took a boat and visited two Indian settlements. The first was built on floating reeds, with very poor people and we had great delight in taking the children sweets, fruit and other things of use to them. We then stayed a night on Taquile Island with

another larger group. Our next journey was 11 hours on the train over the Altiplano to Cuzco. This is a remarkable city built on tremendous foundation stones of the old Inca capital. We visited ancient sites including a huge hill top fortress with its jigsaws of giant stones.

We were a very social group and liked to dine out when possible, I did not get to sample many local dishes but on pointing to what I thought was a nice chop turned out to be lama. Not speaking English was a bit of a problem. I enjoyed Peru more than Nepal.

Monica

A PRE-CHRISTMAS CLIMB – by Peter Wiles

The weather was most unsettled in the weeks prior to Christmas. Last year on the weekend before Christmas I visited the Tukino side of Ruapehu and the weather was dominated by wind and snow. This time the forecast for Sunday seemed promising, so Derek and I decided to have ago.

Rain (showers?) was the dominant weather from Taihape to Waiouru, however, the Tukino area was fairly clear. The 6 km walk up the Tukino road was a bit of a fag but reasonably pleasant, and we made good progress reaching the Whangaehu Hut at about 7.30 pm and in under 2¼ hours. We found 2 NZAC's from Wellington in residence, who after about 15 minutes of our company decided to move out. The exact motives were a mystery to us.

Wind tended to blow all night, but in the morning the cloud that had wrapped itself around the mountain had sunk way down beneath us, blanketing the Desert Road. It was FINE! We left the hut shortly before 6 am and traversed across the Whangaehu to the base of the north buttress of Mitre, which is the feature that dominates the view from the hut. In November, on our last visit to this northern aspect of Mitre, we thought we might have located a possible access away, around the bottom 150 m of the buttress. This time we decided to capitalize on this and try to climb the northern rib. A great deal of snow had melted off the northern aspects of the mountain in the intervening 5 weeks since our previous visit.

The approach to the possible route was initially over hard frozen snow and we (Derek) had to cut steps. Our initial option through the rock bluff was up a deeply cut gully and this proved to be out of the question. We sidled further under the bluffs, hoping not to be hit by the occasional falling rock as the sun was gradually directing itself onto the face. We eventually got sick of step cutting and put our crampons on and continued to sidle. Once the sidle to the far eastern side was completed, we decided that there were just two possible options to get up the initial bluffs. The eastern option, (perhaps only 10 -20m) looked "difficult", had to be compared to the middle option which looked "reasonable" but was somewhat longer.

We dispensed with our crampons and got the rope out. Derek led off from the snowstake belay. He climbed the first 10 m carefully and more slowly than I expected because it "looked" fairly easy. The next 5 m looked as if it was going to be the crux of the pitch -the slope increased and the reasonably solid rock changed to a section of conglomerate against what appeared to be a chockstone. From below we could not see the ground above this and we (I?) assumed that the gradient slackened off and things became easy. Derek continued up past the chockstone, but rather than disappearing and the rate of progress increasing substantially, the rope continued to be paid out disconcertingly slowly. I also noted that he had been unable to place any protection in at the chockstone. Derek disappeared from view for a while and I assumed that I would soon hear "ON BELAY". No such luck - the rope continued to move out slowly, and his head reappeared. After what was more than half an hour and my feet were getting cold standing on the snow, I shouted, "6 m of rope to go". The rope continued to progress slowly. I caught glimpses of his head, but finally Derek disappeared from my view. After another interval all the usable rope had gone (50 m!) and I could only continue to wait. I waited another 15 minutes, getting colder and wondering what was happening and trying not to become impatient, before I finally heard, "on belay". Now it was my turn, and I soon lost my initial impressions that this was going to be a breeze. Above the chockstone there was nothing like such a good scenario as one assumed from below -the gradient hardly relented and the holds were not much better. After almost 1¼ hours I was with Derek and could see the problems he had had finding and setting up a belay. All his slings had to be untied and then joined together to obtain something long enough to pass over the only object that offered any prospect of a belay. We wondered what we were going to do should we have to reverse this section.

The next part of the climb was up a fairly steep snow slope for about 50m. We opted to kick steps – although crampons might have been more efficient. We emerged back onto rock again and were now above the initial buttress with a spectacular view up the Whangaehu Glacier to the Cathedral Rocks. We both began to curse that each had assumed that the other would bring a camera on this trip and in the event neither had. Now it was time for another rock pitch, which Derek led off up a couloir, soon emerging back into view after about 25 m, to set up a belay around another substantial rock. I soon followed, noting that the rock was quite good but again it was more tricky climbing that was evident from our initial observations. This time, however, Derek had placed excellent protection for himself on the way, so much so, that I failed to notice the second set and climbed above it before I noticed something was holding me back! Then it was straight forward scrambling for the next section. There was a substantial vertical drop now on our right hand side, but beyond a steep section immediately ahead, we could see that the buttress merged into the northern face of Mitre

and the route became an easy scramble. Before this however it was time for the last belay (we hoped). Derek led forward, working his way onto some rather exposed and almost certainly loose rock flakes on the edge of the drop to the right before placing some protection and then traversing back to the left and up over the barrier. I followed and although it was only about 10 m, I found that it was the most tricky pitch to climb. Derek had very craftily placed the protection in a bomb-proof crack located in such a position that I could not see just how it was wedged. (If the truth be known it was in a position where I had no desire to try to get to, to see.) After some cursing and fiddling I retrieved it and managed to drag myself over the top.

We had a bit to eat and plodded our way up the rest of the remaining couple of hundred metres before the rock ridge meets the snow. Another 20 m or so took us to the summit. It was still fine about the mountain and the wind seem to have faded, but some large dark clouds were brewing up from over by Ngauruhoe and arching over towards the Tukino area. It was after 11 am and we opted for the fastest way down - straight down the northern face of Mitre on the snow - about 300 m of snow at nothing much less than 40°. We put our crampons on and headed down. We reached the bottom in under 15 minutes.

Back at the hut for lunch, we had a brew up of noodles and a drink before packing up and heading down. We were at the car in just over 1.30 hrs. Rain started sweeping the mountain before we reached the Desert Road. We felt quite pleased with our efforts.

Peter

HEADWATERS OF TUKITUKI (NORTH BRANCH) - by Trev

02-03 JAN 94

Reference 1: 50,000 Ongaonga map (Lower middle Left bit)

After a bit of a brush with the Law, the team concentrated at Mick's place for coffee at the civilised hour of 4.00 am, 5.15 saw us leaving Palmy and Moorcocks was reached a couple of hours later. Still don't know if it's kosher to walk along the farm track thru the saddle and up the ridge to connect to the track between 910 and 948, but it's an excellent entry point.

One of the team had an acid flash-back or something 'cause we decided the track had nothing to do with those poles in the ground but instead took off into the re-entrant and up the other side, skirting the little slip to the left of the obvious saddle.

At bush edge Daniel was given the bolt and firm instructions on the IA of meeting Bambi, you could see the eyes misting over with the visions of a mounting barricade of deer corpses and the rifle barrel starting to glow white and starting to bend. Man, the Hunter, was primed and sent forth.

The weather was ok, fair bit of wind though; the walk was not anything special, the track is in good nick, dropped down into the river, and wandered up to Daphne, got there 'bout 8:30ish and had coffee. The Hut is in good condition, Lions have done a bit of work on it and there's a few school trips thru it.

The wadder up the river was going oh so easy (well for the first 800m) and we will just forget the corner bits, it's OK until you hit the part by the big T in Tukituki, even then it just only holds the interest and wouldn't become really interesting until there was a bit of rain. Lunch was taken where the gravel starts and where the first of the slips are, there was some loose talk of taking one of these slips up to Black Ridge. The one or two pebbles that the wind brought down sorted that one out. Daniel gave lunch a miss and went and had a look round, just in case he could give the deer a bit of a tickle up. After lunch we just wandered up the river, passed the weapon around, swung on bits of wood made for 4 swings, sent Brian forward to get a handle on the blue bits, and ohh-ahhed at the snow still on Sawtooth.

Stopped just short of the junction on the 43 northing, found flat spot with a few young native trees trying to survive. Rimu don't come equipped with saws, they lost. A kid got on his knees and prayed that it would rain, hail, blow, and snow so the BIRTHDAY BIVVY BAG could get a testing and the others could see the benefit of it. Around 3ish all, except the hunter, went and got the firewood. Brian showed why the Fire Service has an injunction preventing him living in a built up area. The first one drifted off 'bout 6ish, the diehards stayed until 9ish.

After brekky, wandered back down the river until we got to the lunch point and found the ridge (look between North and Branch and locate it). Up we went, it's deer highway, even got rest places and antler rubbing trees, even the leatherwood only makes a token appearance, but you do have to stomp the young seedlings o keep it at bay. It's 'bout an hour and a bit to the top.

The wind was blowing a good stiff one up there, funnelling and intensifying up the slips, give it another 10 knots or a 180° wind swing and we would have had a fun time along the ridge. The Rosvalds Track junction appears to be in good nick, (if the track is the same it could hold possibilities) the down to Daphne isn't the best, wet and slippery.

Njl of note from the Hut back to the car.

Brian, Nigel, Phil, Mick, Trev

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CLUB NIGHTS

January BBQ at Tricia's Thursday 27th.

Christmas slides - February 24th.

AGM - March 31st.

Geographic Competition - June 30th.

Suggestions invited.

Trip Grades

Grades of trips can depend on many factors, most especially the weather and state of the track. As a guide, a reasonably proficient trumper would be expected to cover the graded trips in about the following times: Easy (E) 3 - 4 hours, Medium (M) 5 - 6 hrs, Fit (F) about 8 hrs, Fitness Essential (FE) > 8 hrs. (T) refers to trips graded technical requiring either special skills and / or gear.

Gear

The club has gear available for hire. For major trips and instruction courses, some gear might be in short supply and early bookings are desirable. Phone Mick Leyland (358-3183).

Gear for General Trips

For **day trips**, each person should have appropriate footwear, small pack, lunch and nibbles, water bottle, parka, over trousers, gloves, whistle, and woollen head gear. There must be at least one torch, first aid kit, map and compass amongst the group, plus an adequate supply of toilet paper and sun cream etc. On snow, dark glasses or preferably goggles are essential.

For **weekend or longer trips**, a large pack with sleeping bag and cover, carry-mat, parka, over-trousers, mittens, balaclava, longjohns / change of warm clothes, torch, with spare bulb, map compass, eating utensils, first aid sun cream, candle, matches, toilet paper, and food for appropriate number of days. Dinners are usually communal. Hut passes are required depending on location and plans.

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P. N. Tramping & Mountaineering Club Inc. Six Month Event Calendar: January - July 94

JANUARY

Club Night: Thursday 27th BBQ at Tricia's place

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
Anniversary Weekend				
22-23	Orongorongo	E	Tony Gates	357-7439
22-23-24	Wakarara	All	Lis, Arthur Todd	323-6246
29	Cape Kidnappers	All	Peter Wiles	358-6894
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MARCH

Committee meeting 3rd
Club Nights: Thursdays 17th and 31th (AGM).

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
6	Roaring Stag	M	Judy Stockdale	355-5277
4/5-6	SAREX	M/F	Linda Rowan	356-4655
13	Takapari Rd.	Mtn Bike	Aaron Panchaud	354-8422
13	A-Frame (Takapari)	E/M	Tricia Eder	357-0122
12-13	Waterfall Hut	M/F	Chris Saunders	358-4899
20	Te Atuaoparapara	M	Tricia Eder	357-0122
19-20	Waikamaka	E/M	Perry Hicks	355-1393
19/20	Crevasse/Glacier	Tech	Peter Wiles	358-6894
26	Kapiti Island	All	Tricia Eder	357-0122
26-27	Sparrowhawk/Maroepa	F	Nigel Barrett	356-1568

APRIL

Committee meeting 7th
Club Nights: Thursdays 14th and 28th.

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
Easter 1-4				
1-4	Manson-Rockshead	M/F	Mick Leyland	358-3183
9-10	Atene Skyline	M	Richard Lockett	323-6489
10	Titahi Bay Rock	All	Trevor Meyle	356-8782
16	Ohau-Tarauaras	E/M	Perry Hicks	355-1393
16-17	Tama Lakes	M	Patrick Janssen	356-3116
ANZAC 23-25				
25	Pohongina-Centre Creek	E/M	Daryl Rowan	356-4655
23-25	Taraua Middle Crossing	M	Trevor Meyle	356-8782
30	Haukura Ridge	M/F	Derek Sharp	326-8178

MAY

Committee meeting 5th
Club Nights: Thursdays 12th and 26th.

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
1	Kaiparoro Clearing	E	Brenton Sheppard	06-376-8474
8	Harris Creek	M	Richard Lockett	323-6489
7-8	Mangahuka	M/F	Brian Lawrence	324-8552
15	Waipawa	E	Tui Craven	355-4179
14-15	McKinnon Hut	M	Llew Prichard	358-2217
14-15	Purity-Kawhatau	M/F	Trevor Meyle	356-8782
21	Oroua-Kiritaki	E/M	Perry Hicks	355-1393
20-22	Nichols-Taraua Pks	F	Derek Sharp	326-8178
28	Tunipo	M	Patrick Janssen	356-3116
28-29	Iron Gates-Ngamoko	E/M	Terry Crippen	356-3588

JUNE

Committee meeting 2nd
Club Nights: Thursdays 16th and 30th (Photo Competition).

Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
Queens Birthday 4-6				
4-6	Oturero / Tongariro	M/F	Peter Wiles	358-6894
11	Manawatu Gorge	E	Liz Morrison	357-6532
11-12	Kelly Knight	M	Llew Prichard	358-2217
Mid Winter				
18-19	Putara Food	All	Tricia Eder	357-0122
	Herepai	E	Leader on the spot	
	Roaring Stag	M	Leader	
	Round Trip?	F	Mick Leyland	358-3183
25-26	Te Hekenga Xing	F	Trevor Meyle	356-8782
25-26	Howletts	M	Leader required	
25-26	Daphne	E/M	Leader required	