

Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc.

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P.O. Box 1217, Palmerston North

Newsletter - June 2008

Club Nights

Club nights are held at 7:45pm on the second and last Thursday of each month at the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street., PN
All welcome! Please sign the visitor's book at the door.

12 June Club night

A Year in the Life of an Accountant - Don French
Having trouble with work-life balance? Don French is a mountaineer from Masterton who will show us how it can be achieved.

19 June Committee at Anja's

26 June Club night

Pohangina Glow-worms & Backcountry Readings
Join us at 6.30pm for drinks and dinner at the Waterford Café, Pohangina Road. Dinner will be followed at about 8.15pm by a visit to the glow-worms, about 20 minutes drive and a 10 minute bush walk. Bring a short story or poem for pre-dinner entertainment and a torch, raincoat and gumboots or spare shoes for the short walk. If you need a lift phone Warren on 356-1998.

Trip Notes

Trip Grading

Trip grades depend on many factors, especially weather and terrain. A reasonably proficient trumper should be expected to do the trips in the following times:

Easy (E):	3-4 hrs
Medium (M):	5-6 hrs
Fit (F):	about 8 hrs
Fitness Essential (FE):	over 8 hrs
Other grades:	Technical skills required (T) and Instructional (I)

Trip participants

Contact the leader at least 3 days in advance. Trips leave from Countdown car park. A charge for transport will be collected on the day.

Trip leaders

Please advise a trip coordinator, as soon as possible, if you will be unable to run your trip as scheduled. This is so that alternatives can be arranged, put in the newsletter, or passed on at club night.

Overdue Trips

Note to partners, parents or friends of members:

If a club trip is late returning, please do not worry unduly as there is probably a good reason for the delay. If you are in any doubt, please phone one of the Overdue Trip Contacts:

Mick Leyland	358-3183
Terry Crippen	356-3588
Janet Wilson	329-4722

Upcoming Trips

2 June

A-Frame Hut/Takapari Rd E/M/F
Alasdair Noble 356-1094

This trip is for anyone who can't get away for the weekend but would still like to have a tramp. The trip will be whatever the participants want. There are a number of good tracks in the area and a number of not so good - depending on those who come along it could be Easy or Fit or somewhere in between. I will make final decisions on the day and there is a possibility of smaller groups heading in different directions. Meet at Countdown carpark at 8.00am.

8 June

The Punga Hut M
Tony Gates 357-7439

The Punga Hut is a rustic little bush lodge not far off the Burttons Track. We plan to drive in via Scotts Road, then follow fairly rough hunters trails to the hut. There is plenty of good forest up there, and it's an interesting medium day's tramp close to home.

7-8 June

Cattle Creek Hut M
Graham Peters 329-4722

A straightforward medium trip. We will head up the Tamaki past Stanfield and onto the ridge overlooking Cattle Creek before dropping down to the hut. Next day we can follow the stream up and join up with the Lost Track for the return to the Tamaki. Departing PN at 7.30am on the Saturday.

14 June (Sat)

Mania Track M
Anne Lawrence 357-1695

North of Rangī, the Mania Track is not a well known track but despite this, it is in reasonable condition. It

is a bit of a grunt climbing up to the Whanahuia Range but should be well worth it – when we reach the tussock we should see some snow and may even get some good views. Leaving PN at 7am to make the most of the day.

15 June

Burn Hut M
Dave Grant 357-8269

Burn Hut is situated above the Mangahao dams in the northern Tararuas. This trip gives you a chance to get up onto the Divide and, if you are lucky, you may glimpse some fantastic views. Contact Dave for details of departure time.

21-22 June

Mid Winter Celebrations E/M/F
Warren Wheeler 356-1998

Depart 6.00pm Friday. Dinner break in Taihape, then on to the Patron's lodge at Rangataua (just before Ohakune). From this base, we will head off the next morning for a trip up on Ruapehu. What we do will depend on the weather but there are lots of choices to suit all fitness levels and hopefully plenty of good snow to enjoy. A pot luck dinner with a traditional mid-winter Xmas theme (Samx) will conclude the day. Sunday will be an easy pack-up day with perhaps a visit to the Roto Kura Reserve on the way home. Alternatively, if the weather is really good, and people are keen, we could tackle another trip on the mountain, before we head home.

28-29 June

Sunrise Hut E
Jo O'Halloran 353-0300

Located in the Eastern Ruahines, Sunrise Hut has had some additions in the last few years and is looking very smart, so here is the opportunity to check out the new and improved hut. This trip is an excellent easy day's tramp which is pleasant even if the weather is not – and if the weather is kind, there can be some great views. Contact Jo for details of departure time.

29 June

City Walkways E/M
Janet Wilson 329-4722

A gentle wander exploring Palmie's walkways. The plan is flexible but suggestion is to set off at 9am, stop at a café for lunch, brunch or whatever, and finish mid-afternoon. So if you haven't explored the city's walkways before, here is your chance! And for those of you who are already familiar with these paths, you may like to join in anyway.

5 July

Mt Holdsworth M
Warren Wheeler 356-1998

Mt Holdsworth is one of the highest points in the Tararua Ranges behind Masterton. We are on a good track for the 3 hour walk up to Powell Hut on the

bushline and possibly fresh snow. It is a little further to the summit where we hope to enjoy snow capped views of the ranges and the Wairarapa below. We will then drop down via the old track on east spur to the easy track back along the river to the carpark. Depart PN at 7.00am.

6 July

Kapakapanui M
Anja Scholz 356-6454

We will leave PN at 7.30am and head for Waikanae. Located at the bushline in the western Tararuas behind Waikanae, Kapakapanui is a bit of a climb, but we may be rewarded with a touch of snow and some stunning views. There are also a couple of good choices for refreshment stops on the way home.

Club Notices

Events Card: July-December 2008

Janet Wilson is currently compiling the events card for the 2nd half of the year. We need this ready to go out with the next newsletter so PLEASE give this some thought and contact Janet (ph 329-4722) with proposed trips.

If you aren't someone who currently leads trips, perhaps you have some good ideas of places you'd like to go. Janet can match ideas with leaders. We need more leaders, so if you haven't been a trip leader in the past but would like to give it a try, please contact Janet or another committee member.

Subs are now overdue!!!

If you haven't paid your subs, they are now overdue. Please mail your cheque to:
PNTMC, PO Box 1217, Palmerston North
or hand it to Martin or Bruce at club night.

Normal subs:	Individual \$35	Family \$40
E-subs:	Individual \$25	Family \$30

Farewell from Neil Campbell

Neil Campbell wrote to say he will not be renewing his PNTMC membership as he has moved to Aussie. He sent a photo taken from a lookout in the Gold Coast Hinterland (see below). The track they were planning to walk was closed because of slips.



Snowcraft Instruction Programme 08

The Club's comprehensive snowcraft programme has two aims: Firstly, to equip you with the necessary skills for safe tramping in snow, be it on winter trips, or summer trips above the snowline. Secondly, to pass on the fundamental skills for snow climbing and mountaineering. The programme consists of three weekends (Friday night departure to Ruapehu or Egmont) and a Tuesday session prior to each weekend. A progressive approach is used, with Snowcraft 1 assuming little or no previous snow experience and SC 2 and 3 building on the previous levels. Most participants enrol in the complete programme, while others just in one or two of the weekends depending on their previous experience or ambitions. Numbers are limited, so enrol now to confirm a place.



Snowcraft 1	Evening: Tuesday 22 July Weekend: 26-27 July
Snowcraft 2	Evening: Tuesday 5 August Weekend: 9-10 August
Snowcraft 3	Evening: Tuesday 19 Aug Weekend: 23-24 August

Fees cover weeknight venues, transport, weekend accommodation, most food, group gear hire, and instruction. Individual gear hire, if needed, is an additional cost for non PNTMC members.

	PNTMC Members	Non- Members
Snowcraft 1	\$130	\$135
Snowcraft 2	\$145	\$150
Snowcraft 3	\$135	\$140
One-off payment for all 3 courses	\$395	\$410

Applications close Thursday 10th July.

For further information and registration forms, contact Terry Crippen 356-3588 or Bruce van Brunt 328-4761. Alternatively, pick up a form at Club night, or visit the Club web site: www.pntmc.org.nz

Notices from DOC

Recent changes to huts

South Ohau hut is now open. NZMG Coordinate Topomap mapsheet S25 E2711869 N6051530.

Aokaparangi Biv has been replaced.

New hut location NZMG Coordinate Topo Map S26 E2708858 N6032286

Arete Biv has been replaced.

New hut location NZMG Coordinate Topo Map S25 E2715755 N6048016

Oriwa biv, Mt Dagg hut and Harris Creek hut have been removed. The woodburner at Cattle Ridge hut has been removed and won't be replaced.

Recreation Fees Increase 2008/9 – Questions and answers from DOC

- **General questions**

Isn't DOC just trying to sting hut users to help recover its \$8 million deficit?

That is simply not so because the whole \$8 million can be recovered as part of the review and its realignment with the strategic direction. However in a general sense the department does face a steeply rising fuel bill and servicing huts is a real part of this. So the increases in charges are to help recover some of the increased costs which DOC is facing.

Isn't DOC just adding to the overall cost increases that the public have to bear?

DOC cannot remain immune from price increases in the rest of the economy and it is unrealistic to expect further subsidies on these assets. The current charges are considered value for money by those who have been surveyed on Great Walks.

Is the additional cost discriminating against families?

The charges for most huts are very low and even on the Great Walks the new policy of free access to huts for Under 18s is beneficial for families. The fees for under 18s at Serviced Huts have not been increased.

Is the additional cost preventing recreators from enjoying the great outdoors?

These facility fees generally sits at the end of a long list of expenses which people face when camping or tramping and it is not a critical increase.

Why hasn't the department done the kind of research which will tell it whether increased charges are going to be a significant barrier to progress, in line with their own principles?

On the Abel Tasman Coastal track we have a response in survey results that shows the current fees are about right for huts. With a high percentage of total use by overseas visitors for great Walks we do need to try and understand more about why New Zealanders choose these facilities.

- **Great Walks and other huts**

Isn't DOC just using hut fees as an opportunity to generate more revenue for what should really be a public good?

DOC has no sensible idea of what is a fair division of cost between what the user should pay and what the taxpayer can cover off. We need to put this in perspective. The total revenue for huts is around \$5 million (GW \$3.8m and other huts \$1.1m), but the total cost of administering the huts is around 8.3 million, so at best DOC recovers only 60% of the cost.

The Great Walk hut fees contribute significantly towards what is required to maintain the hut, but the fees for standard and serviced huts contribute only a very small part of the management costs. Basic huts remain free of charge.

We don't have a fixed figure of what we try and recover, but we do try and keep it consistent with the five principles by which hut pricing regimes are managed, which includes not making fees a significant barrier to the public recreating in protected areas.

Aren't the prices now getting too high for what service being offered on Great Walks?

Recent user surveys on some Great Walks indicates that people see value for money. It is hard to compare this sort of accommodation with motels or backpackers because the setting is the key attraction for backcountry huts, and providing accommodation in these settings is not cheap.

DOC is slowly decreasing the number of huts following the ROR. Won't that make more funding available to manage the remaining facilities?

There will still be over 800 huts throughout public conservation land. The decision to set the core hut network at this level is based on what DOC can afford. Every hut being taken out has very low use.

DOC raised the charges only last year so why are they rushing in to do it again?

We only raised charges on a few tracks last year, Waikaremoana and Abel Tasman, and they will not face cost increases this year. The other Walks have not had a price increase for four years, and the serviced huts have not had a fee increase since 1999.

By favouring the Great Walks with its under 18 regime isn't DOC discriminating against ordinary NZers in the back country?

The prices for huts on the great walks are considerably higher than for other areas, reflecting their servicing charges, and on the vast majority of other tracks the prices are very reasonable and for families are still cheap.

Isn't \$15 a night too much to expect people to pay for a Serviced Hut that has heating provided but may not have cookers?

Serviced huts provide a higher level of service, and provision of heating will be welcomed for much of the year, and is not cheap to provide. These huts tend to be more popular, and we cannot rely on taking fuel supplies from surrounding vegetation, which is not sustainable ecologically. Providing fuel for heating, and where it is provided cooking, is expensive.

- **Camp sites**

Isn't charging higher prices for camp sites over the Christmas New Year holiday period going to hurt the average New Zealander more because they don't have much choice about when to take their annual holidays?

While some high-use campgrounds will have a higher fee over the high summer period to cover the higher costs required due to the levels of use, there will be many other campsites without this premium price, so it becomes a matter of choosing the camp site to use.

What does premium pricing over the summer holiday period actually mean?

The fees to be charged for the peak summer period have yet to be set, but will be taking into account the same principles used to establish the other recreation fees, including not making fees a significant barrier to the public recreating in protected areas.

For the Tongariro Circuit Great Walk, why not harden up the campsites – charging higher fees won't solve the impact problems?

The higher fees for camping on this Great Walk are to encourage people to use the huts rather than camp, as there is plenty of capacity for this, and the additional funds from camping can be used to improve the camp sites.

Articles for the newsletter

Send by the 20th of each month to Anne Lawrence email: dahlia44@xtra.co.nz or post 44 Dahlia St, PN.

Trip Reports

Botanical Tramping II - Keeble's Bush

6 April

Report by Peter van Essen

Eleven budding botanists spent the morning on a guided tour of the Keeble's Bush scientific reserve owned and managed by a charitable trust. The reserve has restricted access in keeping with the wishes of the late Charles Keeble who bequeathed the bush to the trust. The reserve is one of the few remaining remnants of the lowland podocarp-broadleaved forest that covered most of this part of the Manawatu before people arrived. We explored the 15ha bush and 5ha restoration plantings downstream, learning about the history of the forest and some of the management problems of weeds and pests. Along the way we learnt some common species and the difference between male and female kahikatea and rimu and how to tell matai from miro using the bark flake trick (if you want to know how to do it come on Botanical Tramping III, on the next programme). We then traversed the untracked forest on a compass bearing, crossing the meandering Mangataungaroa Stream, back to our starting point and home for a late lunch.



The botanical tramping team at the base of a large matai in Keeble's Bush

We were: Peter van Essen (Guide), Fiona Donald, Penny Abercrombie, Abbie Ionas, Jeremy Ionas, Panayota Dowick, Andree Wallace, Kay, Marty Walker, and two visiting foresters from Massey University.

Haurangi – the quest for the lost tarn!

19-20 April

Report and photos by Peter van Essen

Two Haurangi/Aorangi Range trips were planned for this weekend but with economy of transport in mind the trip leaders decided to combine and make one 5 person (1 car) expedition to Stonewall Basin on the southern tip of the Aorangi Range at Cape Palliser. There we would ascend the main range and search for a tarn that Terry had read about and had a rough idea of location. This would be the southernmost mountain tarn in the North Island.

We left the vehicle at the locked gate, 3 km past Cape Palliser lighthouse, and with a chilly southerly at our backs headed up the very steep spur beside the Waitetuna Stream to get around the impassable waterfall at the bottom.

The Southern Aorangi range rises steeply from the narrow gravel beaches beyond Cape Palliser and while not being particularly accessible due to steepness and scrubbiness, it is an impressive place to visit with good views out to sea. A few southerly squalls coming in off Cook Strait served to remind us we were indeed on the southernmost point of the North Island.

Further up the spur, a scrubby sidle brought us to a kanuka face allowing a steep descent (after lunch) into the stream. From here travel up the stream was easy until we reached a narrow gut that required a waist-deep wade. We carried on upstream until we reached the Stonewall Basin and found the base of the spur leading to Mt Raeotutemahuta (which was our intended route to the tops, and the tarn we were heading for). We set up our fly camp on the only flattish terrace above the river and had a leisurely dinner while adding extra layers of clothes against the growing cold. Some brief squally showers passed during the night then we were up at daylight, breakfasted and off up the stream to find a way on to our spur.



Terry and Murray on the first climb above the beach (the stone wall is the thin line on the right of the stream).

Leaving Stonewall Basin (so named because of the stone wall on the beach and nothing to do with the upper stream, much to Warren's disappointment), we scrambled up a scrubby side spur and bashed our way on to the main spur. A short section of cut track lulled us into thinking we might have an easy tramp to the top, but the enthusiasm of the track cutter soon ran out and we were back into reasonably thick scrub bashing. While this part of the range was in tall forest before people arrived, it has had a number of fires since and is now a mosaic of scrubland and regenerating forest, making travel slow. A few taller silver beech, maire and hinau trees were encountered but mostly the spur was kanuka, manuka, lancewoods and rewarewa with an understory of mingimingi and coprosmas.

We made the top before lunch where the range opened into sub-alpine shrubland with scattered open areas of fire-induced alpine vegetation with mountain daises, eyebrights, and scattered tussocks. We climbed to the high point to the north but there was no sign of the tarn. We searched the sides of the range in likely spots but still no sign. We finally concluded it must be further north, closer to Mt Barton, but it would have to keep for another expedition as we had to turn our attention to how we were going to get down without going back the way we came. We scouted the steep spurs to the south and picked a likely one to explore. Though steep, what we could see of it looked possible. Heading down through the scrub we were heartened to find old track cuttings in places. Much scrambling, pushing, bashing, shimmying and hanging-on later we were down on the large shingle fan on the coast and an easy 3km walk back to the vehicle by 4pm and a longish drive home.

A great trip in some great country, cold enough to acclimatise us for winter tramping, scrubby enough to practise our patience and perseverance, and remote enough to test route finding and map reading skills.

We were Terry Crippen, Warren Wheeler, Murray Gifford, Craig Allerby and Peter van Essen



Climbing up to the more open top of Raeotutemahuta.

The Aorangi scrub bashers short guide to species identification

Shrub that is too spiky to use as a hand hold except in emergencies = prickly mingimingi *Cyathodes juniperina*

Shrub with long upright thin leaves, ok to push through and makes a good handhold = Turpentine scrub *Dracophyllum filifolium*

Dense unyielding shrub that leaves deep scratches when pushed through = *Coprosma rigida*

Shrub with soft grey leaves that don't scratch = *Brachyglottis compacta*

Grassy looking tussock (until you mistakenly grab it and lose blood) = spear grass *Aciphylla squarrosa*

Rounded shrub with soft bright green leaves, easy to push through = *Hebe venustula*

Scented shrub that you can usually push through, strong handhold = manuka *Leptospermum scoparium*

Scrambling climber that reaches out and grabs you and won't let go = bush lawyer *Rubus cissoids*

Mangaturuturu, TNP

25-27 April (ANZAC weekend)

Report by John Hunt

Route:- From Mangahua Campsite via Whakapapaiti Hut and Mangaturuturu Hut to Horopito.

Party:- Martin Lawrence, Anne L, Warren Wheeler, Tina Bishop, Richard Lockett, and John Hunt, a newcomer from Wellington, now living in Feilding.

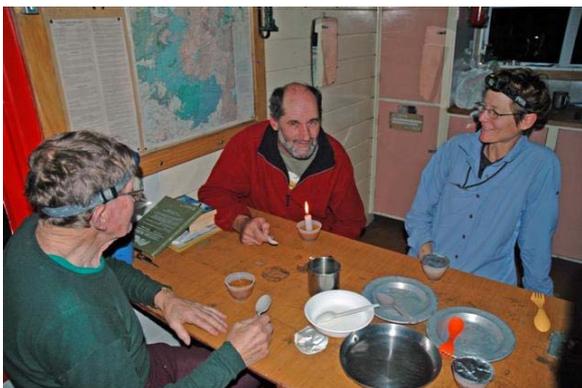
We met up at the campsite (about half way between National Park and The Chateau,) then followed the river up to the first crossing where we enjoyed a relaxing brew in the sun while waiting for Martin and Richard to catch up after repositioning a vehicle for our exit, after which we traversed a small ridge and crossed the Whakapapaiti River then walked up to the Hut where we selected our bunks etc.

As it was still early in the afternoon, most of the group decided to do a reccy in the upper valley area, and viewed a number of waterfalls before returning to a warm stove and a brew and then enjoyed an "over the top" variety of nibbles before demolishing a substantial meal,(which of course included a dessert.) As darkness fell, a party of 10, from Mercury Bay College, Hokianga, arrived to fill the remaining bunks. Lots of excited talk and much activity till their leader declared lights out at 8.30.

After a very quiet night and a good breakfast and cleanup, we were away before 8, taking a cunning but steep shortcut to avoid some unnecessary climbing and were soon ascending the long circuit around a huge cirque up to the first of many ridges and stream crossings before a lunch stop in the sun at the start of the final ridge which leads down to Lake Surprise. What a lot of steps! - hundreds of them - but well-built - then even more steps and another stream crossing before emerging at the beautifully sited Mangaturuturu Hut, where we relaxed in the sun on the “manicured” lawn. Again, with plenty of time to spare, an inspection was made of the spectacular “Silica Cascades” on the track up towards Turoa Skifield.



That night we celebrated Richard’s birthday with a “birthday cake” (small steam pudding) and candle, (somewhat larger than normal). Long after dark we saw lights approaching in the distance, and eventually three rather tired youngsters, from Auckland, arrived. (they were attempting a three day full circuit.) – again we had a full hut!



An even earlier start on Sunday saw us soon doing the long climb up to and along a ridge through delightful beech forest, before descending to the easy graded lower flats. After a break at the final stream crossing (again in the sun- what a weekend!) we walked out to the car near “Crash Palace” at Horopito, and after retrieving Richard’s utility, were soon on our way to Gumboot Café, Taihape, for lunch, and off home. *Many thanks to Martin and the group for such an enjoyable weekend.*

Totara Flats

27 April

Report by Duncan Hedderley

We got to the Waiohine Gorge road end in the hills behind Carterton at 9 o'clock (Don't ask when we left PN - this Sabbath was going to be a day of recreation, not rest). Almost the first thing you come across on the track is the new swing-bridge. There was a bit of press coverage when it was opened a year ago; I had assumed the interest was just because it was close to Wellington, but having seen it, it's the longest, highest (most heavily engineered) swing-bridge I know. Like the Golden Gate, only green.

From there we headed up river, mostly through bush on the terrace above the river itself. We saw several kiwi - a party from the Heretaunga tramping club, a couple of hunters, a group of mums and kids who'd stayed the night at Totara Flats. The forecast weather bomb didn't happen, and we arrived at the southern end of the flats soon after midday. As I wanted to be back in PN about 6pm, we stopped there, had lunch and headed back, rather than pushing on to the hut.

The trip back was smoother - we knew we didn't need to take the 'alternate route' around the top of a slip. Martin and Anja discussed places they had lived in Germany. We got back to the car definitely feeling we'd had a day out. And with some help from Credence Clearwater Revival, Anja dropped me at the end of my driveway on the dot of 6.

We were Martin Walker, Anja Scholz and Duncan Hedderley.

North Range Windmills

4 May

Report and photos by Warren Wheeler



With winter well on the way this trip seemed like a good idea to get into the habit of “alpine starts” for full moon climbs of mighty snow-capped mountains. Good idea, but. Firstly it was New Moon, not Full....so now we know what a shaded full circle on the calendar means. Right!

Secondly, the “climb” was more or less horizontal and the only summit was at the turnoff of the Pahiatua Track. However there was a marvellous sense of being high above the world with the scattered lights below, both to west and east but our route would hardly even rate as a Grade 1 climb.

Thirdly, there was no snow. In fact the landscape was distinctly green hued (once the sun came up). Nippy, yes, with a hint of frost and somewhat crunchy underfoot but that was thanks to the gravel, actually. The foolhardy nature of our little expedition was enhanced by our illustrious leader insisting on reading from a children’s adaptation of Don Quixote at strategic stops along the way. Mercifully our imaginations were not left in fear and dread of windmills attacking us as this crucial chapter was not reached until we were safely sipping lattes at Beyond the Bridge Café.

Anyway, with only the lightest of breezes our first windmills stood arms outstretched more like gentle sentinels than giants intent on attack. Such fantasies were even more dispelled as dawn approached and we could clearly see the giant waving arms were truly only giant windmills, and with a crane and workers repairing one, clearly not invincible.

Our arduous journey was broken by a fine breakfast in the warm sun, with the comestibles including knot buns (not just any old rope) with cream cheese and finest strawberry conserve, nicely washed down with a suitably alpine sized bottle of champagne (150ml). Thus refreshed we continued our winding wending way past the windmills spinning, noting how much



dark moss was growing on the old blades. We dropped down down down from the gate at the top of Hall Block Road and finally reached our destination after almost 6 hours and 22 km on the go from south to north along North Range Road. Anyone keen to come along on a drive one night in the mighty all-terrain Renault 12?

Thanks to Pearl for helping with the transport arrangements and thanks to Jennifer and Kay Kitchen and Malcolm Parker for getting out of bed at 4 o’clock in the morning and patiently tolerating the ravings of a seriously deluded fool prone to tilting at windmills.... *Yours truly, Warren Wheeler.*

Beach Walk

18 May

Report by Duncan Hedderley

Photo by Tony Gates

We had the last day of summer at Waitarere beach - sunny, warm, not much wind (and no garbage - goodonyer Horowhenua!) We walked down to the remains of the Hyderabad (wrecked in 1878, now about 100 metres inland, almost buried in the dunes behind the beach); then onto Hokio Beach, where we watched gulls soaring on thermals, and had lunch.

Warren had decided to go barefoot at the start, and Tony and I joined him tramping 'au naturelle' on the return. Back at Waitarere, a cafe just back from the beach provided coffee and afghans to wrap up the day.



We were Tony Gates, Yvonne van der Does, Sally Hewson, Warren Wheeler and Duncan Hedderley

Recipes for tramping and eating

Despite the name, this recipe is a much loved favourite - it keeps trampers going, and satisfies the sweet tooth at the end of a long day! This keeps for several weeks in a sealed container.

Dog Biscuits

Melt in a large pot:

- 500g butter
- 6 Tbs Golden syrup
- 2 cups sugar

- Add:
- 2 ½ cups plain flour
 - 2 ½ cups wholemeal flour
 - 2 cups rolled oats
 - 1 cup coconut
 - 5 tsp baking powder

Lastly add 1cup of any of the following:

- Peanuts, sultanas, chocolate, dried fruit
- (or you can use a combination of these).

Mix well. Press into lined baking dish. Bake at 180⁰ C for 15 – 20 minutes. Cut into squares while warm.

Postscript
Hinerua Hut- mid 1960's.
 by Tony Gates

Deep in the corridors of Archives New Zealand, Wellington, Tony was lucky enough to unearth some old Ruahine hut log books. These date back to the mid 1960's and display works by some talented(?) artists and poets. This image of Government deer cullers at the then new Hinerua Hut, eastern Ruahines, may well have been hidden from view for the past 40 or so years. PNTMC's good name also featured from time to time.

The picture below is from the log book:
 Image annotations translated as follows:

- 22/3/67- Foggy - wet- windy etc. Total shootings 0
- 23/3/67- Windy - foggy - wet etc.
- 24/3/67- Wet- windy- foggy etc.

"Boi, dese NZFS geezers av it made Arch."

"Yea, Durrant be sorri ta leave dis **tropicano** for dah windy city."

Excerpts from the Hut log book:

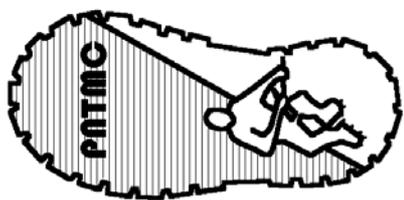
6.4.66 2 HTC bods arrived from cullers roadhead, 9 hrs leisurely trip to hut. Wheather fine but down this side enveloped in fog. However en route it was noted that certain amenities were lacking, probably owing to the extreme construction of the machine. These are as follows;

- 1- scenic railway along main divide
 - 2- kiosk at too Hinerua Ridge to provide accommodation for weary trampers.
 - 3- Escalator down to Hinerua Hut. This is so one is able to cook one's tea on the way down if no accommodation at the kiosk.
 - 4- Express way to Ohuinga would be nice.
- These recommendations should suffice for the moment.

Left for Waterfall Creek Hut via Tussock Creek in high wind and mist on tops. (1/4 past 8). Graham Thorpe and Dempster Thompson



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