

P .N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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TRIP REPORTS

SNOWCRAFT TRIP: AUGUST 27 – 28th.

In order to guarantee plenty of snow and with snow warnings being broadcast when we left, we went to Mangatepopo Hut on the eastern slopes of Ngauruhoe. What a disappointment! No snow around the hut at all and we were able to drive to the door. We had to climb in hot weather to the saddle where the snow was found to be too soft for step cutting or effective ropework. A lot of fun was had concentrating on self-arrest with the use of the ice axe. Too late to climb the Mountain we planned on an early climb next morning. During the night Russ Lacey arrived. However the weather closed down and so we packed up and drove to the foot of Ketetahi Springs track - a four mile walk. This proved a hot job and took longer than we expected. We visited the Springs - a 10ft continuous geyser of mud, steam and boiling water as well as numerous other vents, sulphur deposits etc. all complete with smells.

Five minutes past the Springs on the old bridle track we found a brand new "Lockwood" type accommodation house - too good to call a hut. Sleeps 26 on spring beds and rubber mattresses.

Back to the cars four hours after we left and home again by 8 p.m. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend with a bunch of nice people. Many thanks to Vern Jensen and Ian Barnes for providing transport.

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| Members of Party: | Vern Stout (Leader) | |
| Suzanne Johnstone | Susan Roberts | Trevor Arnold |
| Dennis Arnott | Dennis Moore | Vern Jensen |
| Roger Clarke | Ian Barnes | Keith Potter. |

WHAKAPAPAITI HUT, RUAPEHU: Leader Ian Barnes.

Here the snow was hard and conditions excellent for step cutting, self arrests and rope work. A party of eight enjoyed fine weather and instructive Snowcraft. On Sunday two members went out via track to Park Headquarters to retrieve cars and drive to Erua where the remainder of the party finished trip over Hauhungatahi Mountain. Thank you Ian and Roger for transport.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLUB BADGE: It has been decided to re-open suggestions for a Club monogram. Members are asked to submit suggestions to committee. The Club is in every need of a monogram.

In the 1967-68 season the Club has been granted a National Park block to clear young Pinus contortus for which the Club will receive £100.

TRANSPORT: In the past drivers have been expected to pay their part of the petrol, but as costs have not covered vehicle wear and tear, it has been decided that drivers will not be expected to contribute towards petrol.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS: are asked to pay-fees as SOON as possible.

ENGAGEMENT NOTICE:

One of our members has gone and bought that diamond ring; Congratulations extended to Peter Clausen and Margaret Ann Thomas.

COMING TRIPS

SEPTEMBER 25th: Mangahuia Peak, Ruahines.
- Wayne Boucher 79.839

OCTOBER 8th: Shorts Track
- Suzanne Johnstone 77.118

OCT 22 – 23 – 24th Lake Colenso via Colenso Track
-Vern Stout 79.139

ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND PARENTS TO COME TOO.

Don't forget Next Club night is Thursday 29th September at 8 p.m. at Trev's, 568 Featherston Street.

-- SEE YOU THERE.

Please note Club Nights are on the LAST Thursday of the month.

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