

P .N .TRAMPING & MOUNTANEERING CLUB
NEWSLETTER 14

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SEARCH & RESCUE: Nine members from our Club took part in the recent Search & Rescue practice in the Central Ruahines. The two "missing" persons were found on the first day and set off to get lost again. On Sunday they were found twice more and so from the search point of view the practice was successful. The last find resulted in a rescue and we carried a man out of the bush on a stretcher.

The new radios were very successful, their lightness, long range and easy operation gave us all confidence in them. A very enjoyable weekend was had and our members were much better off at the end in knowledge of search technique and radio operation.

Congratulations to Vern Stout on his fine effort and initiative as Search Controller. Those on the search:- Vern Jensen, Keith Potter, Bruce Watson, Tony Morrison, Roger Clarke, Dennis Moore, Dennis Arnot, Ron Russell, Vern Stout (Search Controller).

COMING TRAMPING?

MAY 13 – 14th: Trains Hut, Waitotara Valley, north-east of Wanganui, via farrmland bush track; reasonably easy about 3-4 hrs. tramping. (The Wanganui Tramping Club released some wekas in the area recently) .

Cost approx. 20/- . Ring 81.436

MAY 28th: Waipawa River - Shuteye Hut. A must for all the day trippers to the headwaters of the Waipawa River and Saddle, with a possible round trip for the keener types. Depart 6A.M.

Cost approx. 12/6 Don Fletcher 87432

NOTE: ALL trips depart from the Izadium.

<u>CLUB HIRE GEAR:</u>	Frame Pack	-	2/6 per day
	Tents (8'x51x6')	-	5/- " "
	Billies (6)	-	1/- " "

No charge made on tents & billies for Club trips.

Trip Leaders must make a written report covering their trip and pass this to the Secretary or Log Keeper Lyn Potter 79.499

The Club has started a map library for the reference of trip leaders. We hope to be able to get sections of these maps printed for leaders.

CLUB BADGES: 11/- to Secretary by April 27th Club night.

FOR SALE: 1 oiled japara tent (8'x 6'x 5'6" with 2' sides -
Price £4.10. 0 Ring Keith Potter 79.499.

CLUB NIGHT: 27th APRIL 7.45 p.m. sharp.

At Berry Engineering Staff Rooms at the corner of Ferguson and Ashley Streets (entering through the new construction area from Ferguson St.). The evening will comprise a selection of movie films.

The Club meeting for May 1967 will be advanced to Thursday 18th May. Reason for change of date is to fit in with Rev. Crawford who will show a collection of colour slides on Stewart Island. Please not change of date. Bring yourself and a friend.

SUBSCRIPTION: Subs. are due from March 1st. each year. Owing to cost, only financial members can receive Club Newsletters. It is intended in the near future to publish a booklet-type of newsletter; this will of course require regular payment of subs.

You will agree that compared with most other clubs, our subs are very reasonable.

School pupils	--	10/-
Left School	--	£1
Married Couples	--	£1. 10. 0

"And so members dig deep" and thank you.

RIVER CROSSINGS: How to estimate the risk of a river crossing. If the velocity x depth = more than 10ft./sec. - DON'T CROSS! If it = less than 10 you can most likely get across. Gauge velocity in ft./sec. by measuring a distance on the bank, then throwing a couple of sticks into the river and timing them to cover that distance. For example: if the velocity of the current works out at 3ft/sec/ and the depth of the river is 3 feet, $3 \times 3 = 9$ and you should be able to get across. On the other hand, if the velocity is 4ft/sec. and the depth is 3 feet, $4 \times 3 = 12$, and in this case don't cross.

- from H.T.C. Magazine, by Mr. P.T. Grant,
Hydrologist to Ministry of Works.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "As a nation we are dedicated to physical fitness and we are parking our cars as close to the Sports Stadium as possible"

FOR INTELLECTUALS ONLY:

I wandered lonely and afraid
Through hosts of tangled leatherwood.
I wandered wondering why I wandered
And now play indoor bowls.

--- Charlie.

OVERDUE PARTIES:

Ring Vern Stout	79.139
or Tony Morrison	86.397

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