

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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PATRON: Mr. O.V. Jensen has accepted the position Of Club Patron.

An active member of the Forest & Bird Society, deer stalker, farmer, with a genuine feeling towards the outdoors and a willingness to share his experiences with young people make Mr. Jensen an ideal Patron.

CLUB NIGHTS: Our next .Club night will be held on Thursday June 29th, and we invite you all to bring along any slides taken on Club or private trips. There must be, some very interesting shots in your collections of places where many of us have not yet been able to reach. If you can share these with us, preferably with a short commentary on each one, this programme should be both entertaining and instructional to all.

If any members have 8 m.m. movie film of suitable subjects bring these also as there will be a projector available.

Remember last Club night and the magnificent collection of slides showing parts of the Southern Alps and Stewart Island by Reverend Crawford and how we all enjoyed that evening. Bring along yours on the 29th and let us see your good pictures.

The Club evening starts at 7.45 p.m.

CLUB MONOGRAMS: Monograms are expected any week now and we could have them before the next meeting.

SAFETY IN THE MOUNTAINS: The subject selected for a short discussion at next meeting will be "Clothing and Equipment necessary on trips into the high country". We hope all will participate in this.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: We should like to remind those members who have not yet paid their subs. that if this is to be a successful Club we need the active financial support of all.

PLEASE ASSIST US TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET!

TRIPS: Included with this Newsletter is a list of coming trips. Intending participants should notify the Trip Leader as early as possible of his intention to take part. Trip costs are calculated at 2½d. a mile one way per person.

July 2nd: Waiopehu Hut, Western Tararua Range - a reasonably easy bush tramp, approx. 2-3 hours. Cost approx. 7/6.

Leader: Tony Morrison 86.397

July 15 – 16th: Rangiwahia Track Work Party. There is still quite a bit of work on the Rangi track - if you came last year let's see you again; if not you CAN'T miss this time – we need your assistance - for the weekend or for one day at least. Cost 5/- for weekenders.

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AUGUST 6th: Eastern Ruahines, headwaters Manawatu River. Easy day trip – don't miss this one. Cost approx. 5/-.

Leader G. Whitcombe 88.252

PAST TRIPS: May 28th saw 15 keen members splashing their way up the Triplex Creek and then the steep scramble up the ridge to the Shuteye Shack. After a brew up the party split in two, one party proceeding up to the Armstrong Saddle and the other proceeding above the hut and then down the east branch of the Waipawa – after a bit of a rock scramble to get down into the stream. We were very pleased to see Peter Lewis of the Heretaunga Tramping Club who had "scootered" down from Napier for the trip.

CHRISTMAS TRIP: No decision has yet been made regarding a South Island Christmas trip. If you are interested in one of about 10 days tramping with transport cost about £10, ring Keith Potter 79.499

MT. HOLDSWORTH LODGE: This very fine Lodge was officially opened by the Minister of Forests on Saturday June 17th. The lodge situated at Mt. Holdsworth road end sleeps 30 people and is part of the recreational plan envisaged by N.Z. Forest Service in the Tararua Forest work plan, and is the first of several similar lodges around the forest edge.

RECOMMENDED READING:

1. Route Guide to the Ranges West of the Hawkes Bay - N.L. Elder.
2. The White Spider - Harrar
3. Bush Lore -Tony Nolan.

All the above books are available from P.N. Public Library.

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The Ruahine Ranges have received their first winter coat and several private trips to the Rangji Hut have given members a real taste of winter – Brrr!

Peter Clausen is at present having a well-deserved rest from tramping in hospital and we hope to see him back amongst us soon.

Waterproofing Woollen Clothing: Dissolve 2 ozs. anhydrous lanoline in 1 gallon of white spirits. Dip the garment in the basin of liquid and hang overnight. Do not leave near naked bulb.

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