

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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P.O. Box 1217,
PALMERSTON NTH.

Dear Members,

We again reproduce a list of committee members for your convenience. Please feel free: to telephone them any time between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. for advice or information concerning unofficial Club activities.

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| President: | Lawson Pither | 85.616 | Treasurer & Gear Custodain: | |
| Vice-Pres: | Peter Clausen | 26.521 | Keith Potter | 79.499 |
| Secretary: | Lyn Potter | 79.499 | | |

Committee:

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CLUB NIGHT: Thursday 30th January 1969

At Berry Engineering Works Ltd. Social Hall - 7.30 p.m. It is probable that a our next Club night we shall not have a speaker though we have in fact issued an invitation to a person who has traveled widely in Europe to address us. If he is unable to attend then we shall let the evening be informal. This type of meeting can be very enjoyable especially after the holiday period when it will be an opportunity for members to swap experiences. Bring any photos and slides you would like to show.

Committee Meeting: 7.30p.m. Monday 3rd February at the Pither home, 30 Surrey Crescent.

DINE & DANCE: The Manawatu Tramping & Skiing Club has extended an invitation to Club members to attend a Dine & Dance to be held in Kelvin Grove Hall, Tremaine Ave on Sat. 14th December.

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| Cocktails: | 7.30p.m. | Dinner: 8.00p.m. | Dress: Semi-formal |
| Double: | \$4.00 | Single: \$3.00 | |

Reply to Secretary, P.O. Box 245, P.N.

CLUB HIRE GEAR: A limited amount of Club gear is still available from Keith Potter for the Christmas holiday period.

PAST TRIPS

TRIAL SEARCH,16-17th November:

Unfortunately this clashed with trade examinations and only five members took part. The search was in the Scotts Road area of the Northern Tararuas. Those "lost" were our own Vern Stout and a policeman. The Army provided its usual services. The exercise was enjoyed by all in spite of bush lawyer and leatherwood and rain. Future trial searches can be recommended to all members with average or better fitness and experience.

The Search & Rescue Organisation gives us an opportunity to make an extremely valuable contribution to a very worthwhile cause. By virtue of our training, Tramping Club members are well qualified to do this. Remember this when you have your next opportunity to take part – you could help to save a life.

BUSHCRAFT COURSE; 30th Nov - 1st December saw the Bushcraft Course conducted by Vern Stout, whose very able instruction and interesting anecdotes were absorbed by the small but keen group. Camp was made about ten minutes up Harris Creek from its junction with the Mangahao River.

There is an interesting theory proposed by one of the experienced members of the Club which says that novices should suffer as this builds character and hardy trampers. Ideal suffering conditions were supplied by continuous rain from about 3 o'clock while camp was being made. Once in bed however it was just like home - w-e-ell almost like home. Sunday brought very good sunny conditions for the assault on West Peak. Why is it that after a hard slog to the summit one looks around only to find that all the neighbouring peaks are higher?

The weekend was very enjoyable and many a valuable point was learnt; such as how to prepare a comfortable bed, how to make a fireplace, what words to use when dangling upside down from the end of a rope, and that blood is only skin deep! Finally, encouragement to the younger members who on a ratio of pack weight to body weight carried the equivalent of a twelve stone man carrying a 60lb. pack all weekend. Members of the Party: Sheryll Kirkpatrick, Ian Hoare, Graham Pascoe, Nick McPherson, Kevin Pearce, Owen Mills, Wally Blanchard, Vern Stout.

COMING TRIP:

Preparations for the Dinner at Rangiwahia Hut are well in hand and we are very pleased to advise that our Patron and Mrs. Jensen will be with us on Sunday. It is possible that Mr. & Mrs. Clifton will also attend - we hope they will manage it as they have very kindly allowed our members across their property on. Many occasions and this will be our opportunity to reciprocate in a small way.

A small party of members will make the trip on Saturday so that they can make an early start with the cooking on Sunday morning. The main party will leave from Izadiurn at 7 A.M. SUNDAY 8th.

Transport arrangements will be in the hands of Dennis Arnott on Sunday morning. Take your own eating utensils for two courses.

Any queries to Lawson Pither, phone 85.616.