

## **P.N.TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.**

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### NEWSLETTER 3/71

#### COMING EVENTS.

##### 4<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday night Coffee meeting. 8 o'clock at the Nicoberg.

##### 6<sup>th</sup> March

A MEDIUM EASY Saturday trip to the lower Ohau gorge. Bring swimming togs and a change of clothes. Enclose food and clothing in plastic bags.  
Depart Izadium: 7.00 a.m Home by 6.00 p.m. Cost: 70c Leader: Kevin Pearce.

##### 10<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday lunch meeting at the bridge in the Square, between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m.  
A fine weather event only.

##### 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March

Greater Main Range, Tararuas. Depart from the Izadium 6.00 p.m. Friday night. A good torch and spare batteries are essential for the three hour tramp in the dark from Otaki Forks to Field's Hut. The trip leader will supply (at a cost) all food for breakfasts and dinners and hot drinks and also all billies and primuses. Bring sufficient food for two lunches and also chocolate, biscuits, sweets etc. Parka, overtrousers, Balaclava, mittens and sleeping bag cover are necessary.

Grading: FITNESS ESSENTIAL. Hope to be home by 8.00 p.m. Sunday.  
Cost: \$1.20 plus food. Leader: Kevin Pearce.

A MEDIUM trip to Waitewaewae will be held in conjunction with the above trip. Leaving the Izadium at 6.00 p.m. Friday night with the F.E. party and staying at Otaki Forks Hut for the night. Bring food for communal stew and two lunches. Names to Heather Crabb, 77-668.

##### 15<sup>th</sup> March

Committee meeting 7.30 p.m. at 30 Surrey Cres.

##### 18<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday Coffee, 8 p.m. at the Nicoberg.

##### 25<sup>th</sup> March

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P.N. Tramping and Mountaineering Club.

##### 28<sup>th</sup> March

Work party on the track to Rangī. The track is becoming rather overgrown so come on all you good keen men and help to clear it. Names to Lawson Pither, 85-6160

##### 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April

Easter trip to Tongariro National Park, when attempts can be made on the three peaks. Medium trips will also be provided as an alternative so there will be something suitable for everyone.

For those who do not have to resume work until 14<sup>th</sup> April provision will be made for an extra day's tramping.

In order that final preparations may be made, all those wishing to take part please advise Adrian Turner, Phone 79-586 by 19<sup>th</sup> March, your name and the date you wish to return. ie. 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> April.

##### 25<sup>th</sup> April

Mt. Bruce Bird, Sanctuary. Details in next newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1971 at 7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friends' Meeting Room, 227 College St., Palmerston North.

Nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, not less than five committee members and Patron must be made in writing and be in the hands of the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting. Nominations must carry the legible signatures of the proposer, the seconder and also the person nominated. All financial members are entitled to nominate or be nominated for any office. Voting will be by ballot.

A person may be nominated for more than one position, e.g. President or committee member, Secretary or committee member. This will prevent a good committee from being debarred from being elected to the committee if he is unsuccessful in being elected for, say, President.

AGENDA

Apologies	Reading of Minutes of last A.G.M. and matters arising.
President's Report	Financial Statement
Election of Officers	Setting of Subscriptions for coming year.
The raising of transport costs. General.	

Listed below are the financial members as at 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1971.

Denis ARNOTT	P.O. Box 14, Rongotea
Glennys ALLEN	341 College St. (Resigned from 1971)
Ian BARNES	P.O. Box 9165, Wellington.
Peter BAXTER	Camerons Line, R.D.5, Feilding.
Warrick BLANCHARD	R.D.5, Kairanga.
Brian BOOTH	41 Richmond Ave.
Wayne BOUCHER	15 Franklin Ave.
Richard CLARKE	21 Surrey Cres.
Heather CRABB	3 Clyde Cres.
Hilda ENGLAND	1/29 Bulteel St., New Plymouth.
Dawn ELLIS	Country Library Service, P. Bag.
Peter FLAUS	53 Limbrick St.
Don FLETCHER	8 Erin St.
Randall GOLDFINCH	14 Moeller St., Taradale, Napier.
Ron HAXTON	45 Ihle St.
Ian HOARE	49 Burns Ave.
Bill HOMES	1 R.D., Bulls.
Vern & Sue JENSEN	P.O. Box 27, Apiti.
Mr. & Mrs. O. JENSEN	11 Haggitt St., Feilding. PATRON.
Russ JOHNSON	512 Main St.
Sheryll KIRKPATRICK	Formerly C/- Schoolhouse, Hunterville
Russ LACEY	104 Monrad St.
Alan LOOSER	61 Brightwater Tce.
Simon LUXTON	38 Shamrock St.
Owen MILLS	P.O. Box 1204.
Denis MOORE	118 Gillespies Line.
Tony MOSS	R.N.Z.A.F. Ohakea.
Richard MURCOTT	No. 4 R.D.
Stephen MCGILL	7 Severn Tce.
Graham NEWSON	215 Ferguson St.
Bill & Ann OLSEN	Box 6265, Wellington.
Brad OWEN	Architects Dept., Public Hospital.
Graham PASCOE	109 Gillespies Line.
Robin PAUL	19 Gloucester St.
Kevin PEARCE	P.O. Box 1204.
Lawson PITHER & Family	30 Surrey Cres.

Grant POTTER  
Keith POTTER  
Lynne POTTER

3 Lifford Place.  
28 Titoki St.  
Flat 2, 6 Pirie St.

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C.J ROBINSON  
Owen ROBINSON  
Bill ROGERSON  
Gavin ROGERSON  
David Ryrle  
John STEWART  
Mike STOTT  
Vern & Rhonda STOUT  
Sue STREETER  
Peter SUTCLIFFE  
Anja SUURING  
Adrienne THOMPSON  
Adrian TURNER  
Bruce WATSON  
Malcolm WATSON  
Robert WELLINGTON  
Cheryl SALMONS  
Kathy BAXTER  
Lyll PERRIS  
Angus LOMIE  
Miles STILWELL  
GENERAL

35 Guy Ave.  
4 Chelwood St.  
4 Franklin Ave.  
4 Franklin Ave.  
X-Ray Dept., Public Hospital  
9 Athlone Place  
A Hostel, Massey University.  
523a Ferguson St.  
Tainui St., Ohakune.  
c/- 30 Surrey Cres.  
  
38 Park Rd.  
32 Amesbury St.  
54 Brittan St., Christchurch.  
499 Ferguson St.  
40 Elmira Ave.  
238 Albert St.  
R.D. 5 Camerons Line, Feilding  
5 Hurley Place  
105 Pahiatua St.  
28 St. Albans Ave.

Those wishing to go on trips are requested to hand in their names by the Wednesday preceding the trip. This will assist those arranging transport. Consideration will be given to late comers provided there is room but there can be no guarantee of this.  
CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Annabell who attained high marks in School Cert. Being 16<sup>th</sup> equal in New Zealand.

EXTRACT FROM AUCKALAND UNIVERSITY TRAMPING CLUB'S "FOOTPRINTS"  
IS TRAMPING A FOUL DISEASE?

Dear Sir,

Perhaps some of your club members are medical students. If so, they may be able to ease the mind of a distressed mother. My son, an ardent trumper, will for days at a time conduct himself in a perfectly normal manner. He refrains from leaving his bed until the day been thoroughly aired, runs off all hot water so he may wallow for hours in a warm steamy bathroom, and, of course, selects the most comfortable armchair near the hottest part of the fire. If asked to go to the store round the corner for Aspros, he invariably chooses the 8c packet as he objects to carrying the heavier 17c size. In short modern youth at its best.

Then quite suddenly a change occurs, nearly always coinciding with the weather. If the barometer falls rapidly and the indications are for wet days and cold nights, preferably with ice, snow and a flood thrown in, we always expect the worst. In the initial stages of his malady, we find clothing strewn over every available chair. Onions, carrots and potatoes appear in unexpected places, small pieces of cheese lurk behind cushions, and rugs, sausages, jerseys, jars and tins of this and that make a joyous confusion from front door to back. In the next stage he places a large pocketed canvas bag in the centre of my already too small kitchenette. This is left for many hours while the family walk around it during the day and into the night. Gradually the flotsam and jetsam is gathered together and placed with much pushing and straining in the bag and we know that the crisis is approaching. On the first wet raw morning as the very grey dawn is breaking we hear our bed loving son leave his room, tramp in heavy hobnails up and down the house, slamming doors and eyeing the driving rain with a fanatical glare. Then, in the height of the storm, he hoists the four ton bag on his shoulders and with maniacal shouts dashes out into the bitter winter morning.

After some days he returns tired and moody burbling some jargon about "Akaranan" and "Broadway Beauties." This gradually passes off and he resumes his normal mode of living. I shall be glad to hear from any other parent who is similarly afflicted.

"Moaning Mater"

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

"On Incidents Delightful" etc.

I'm sure all those who participated on the Christmas Trip enjoyed the readings of "Anon". From a quick glance it appears "Anon" has (intentionally?) omitted to write about a certain person.

Hence the following:-

Now our "Anon" we think it is Sue

Who thought she had the clue

How to mix instant pudding

She excluded the sugaring

And said, "O.K. boys that'll do".

Anon II

#### CLUB NIGHT February 25<sup>th</sup>.

A good attendance in a crowded hall watched with baited breath, hearts in mouths, an illustrated slide screening of the Club's recent Christmas trip. It was a big disappointment to the organizers to see there was still one vacant seat left at the beginning of the evening. It was obvious from the slides and commentary that the trip was a successful one. This year's Christmas is already being planned.

#### PAST TRIPS

##### THE UNSCHEDULED STOP or

##### 12-13<sup>th</sup> Dec. WALLS WHARE, BUSHCRAFT WITH W.T.M.C.

With a change of tramp (originally to Panatawaewae), leader and transport, the party of five keen bushmen and one bushgirl assembled at the railway station at 6 p.m. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Gathering from afar our luggage and tickets we heaved on board the railcar, just as it was leaving.

We removed ourselves from the railcar at the metropolis of Matarawa, somehow expecting to be able to hire a taxi. Sometime later we arrived at the hut, after a piece of hitchhiking, an all too brief ride in the W.T.M.C. bus, and much walking. Although Walls Whare is a comparatively large hut, (Maori bunks etc.) about half the population habitated outside.

Through the weekend we learnt what one person thinks he takes tramping (and what he does take), different methods of pitching tents and flies, how to construct a see-through bivvy, how to swim in two feet of water, wearing boots and packs, and how to generate voluminous clouds of "diabolic, malignant, pernicious, noxious, virulent, foul, rank, venomous, abominable, astringent, lachrymentary smoke." After manufacturing and disposing of an estimated 41 pints of stu, we were given a talk on bush behaviour.

We returned to Woodside station with help from friends, feet and a river. Much to the surprise of other patrons Woodside station sported a cafeteria that afternoon.

Those taking part: Richard Clarke, Hugh MacPherson, Grant Potter, Peter Baxter, Mark Annabell and Dawn Ellis: Leader.

##### 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January.

Rather than wait for the Committee to get of its chuff Lawson, Kevin, Brad, Sue and Peter organised themselves a trip to Ruapehu. Paretaitonga, Te Heu Heu, Matihao and Tahurangi (9175') were all climbed and the party assisted in the rescue of a youth who had speared himself with an ice axe.

##### 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February

Kevin, Lawson and Inda visited the Hollyford (near Milford Sound) and Kevin and Lawson climbed Mount Talbot (7300').

##### 6<sup>th</sup> February

FIELD'S HUT. This trip was remarkable for only two things. Our leader did not lose her way and although there was one member with a propensity for being overdue on trips we arrived

home on schedule.

It was a fine warm day for our annual pilgrimage to Field's Hut and a good muster of trip members including three prospective club members and a child.

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After lunch at Fields some of the party climbed up to Table Top, others went on to Vosseler while the rest sunbathed.

Trip members: Jean Purdy, Brad Owen, Owen Robinson, Adrian Turner, Ian Hoare, Dawn Ellis, Peter Baxter, Adrienne Thompson, Jill Schultz, Colin Hopcroft, Teresa Signal, Maire and Heather Crabb: Leader.

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February

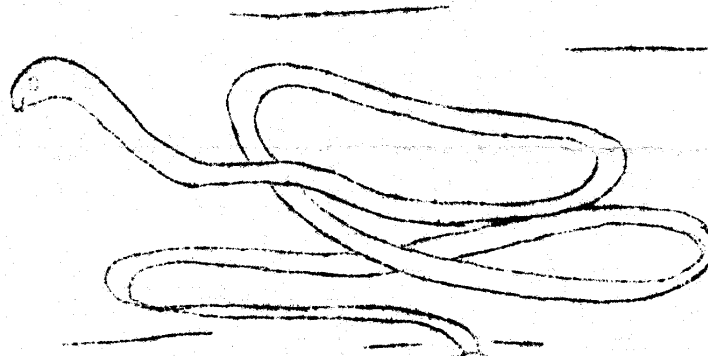
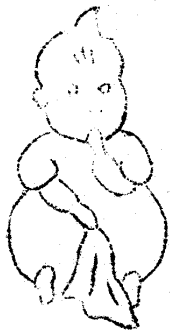
HOLDSWORTH-TOTARA FLATS.

The combined Palmerston clubs' tramp comprising twelve Manawatu members and ten from P.N.T. & M.C. set off from Holdsworth Lodge on Saturday morning. At the Totara Creek track turn-off the party split into two. Ron Stretton of Manawatu planned to lead one group up Mt. Holdsworth then along High Ridge and bush bash down one of the subsidiary ridges to Totara Flats, while the other group followed the track down to the flats via Totara Creek. The PNT&MC leader was ashamed at the poor response of his party to the challenge of the higher route, all of them preferring the softer option. He unfortunately felt unable to go himself as his duties obviously lay with his club members, therefore Peter Baxter was deputed to carry the PNT&MC banner and join the hard mob. The main party reached Totara Flats early in the afternoon and spent two or three hours playing on the flying fox, washing themselves and various other important tasks. Camp was pitched on the left bank of the Waiohine just below the junction with Totara Creek. The meal was prepared and the Chief Cook's timing was faultless as the stew was just about ready for serving when Ron Stretton's group arrived at 7.00 p.m. The evening was spent plugging through the Mountain Song Book. PNT&MC Chorus had better style and tone but lagged a little behind Manawatu in volume and stamina. On Sunday everyone was away by 9.00 a.m. Heather, Dawn, Christine and Peter accompanied by all the Manawatus strolled back to the cars. Adrienne, Adrian, Grant and Brad climbed Mt. Holdsworth and Jane Scrymgeour disappeared into the bush for ten hours with a visiting entomologist. As there were no moans, few fights and no one got lost for very long, this combined tramp must be considered a success.

Those taking part were: Heather Crabb, Jane Scrymgeour, Dawn Ellis, Adrienne Thompson, Christine and Peter Baxter, Adrian Turner, Grant Potter, Tony Harris, Brad Owen.

NEWS ITEM

An outsized worm measuring at least 3 ft. was reported to have been seen on the track to Field's Hut. Was it a worm or was it a snake? Or was our observer wearing magnifying glasses?



## P.N.TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1970/71.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you a report on the activities of our Club during the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The year has been one of expansion in the number of Club members: fifty-five at the beginning and sixty four at the end, and in the numbers taking part in trips. My count of the official trips was twenty-one weekend and longer, and fifteen day trips. The average number of members taking part was ten. Compare this with our 1969/70 record when of all our trips only eight reached double figures.

Our Club has developed a very good Club spirit over the five years of its existence and it is this which I am sure is attracting new members in increasing numbers. I feel that we are like a very happy family and assure new members that they will receive a friendly welcome on any of the Club trips.

The following 1970/71 trips I feel deserve special mention:

October - Southern crossing of the Tararuas, the first for our club.

June - Snowcraft, Blyth Hut - sixteen taking part.

July - Snowcraft, Kapuni Lodge - eighteen taking part.

While the Club has done a lot of good tramping an increasing interest in snowcraft is evident. I am sure that before long this Club will be equally well known in both tramping and mountaineering spheres. Is it not a sign that we are beginning to live up to our name as the Palmerston North Tramping & Mountaineering Club .

Christmas - Thirteen took part and thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas trip to the Nelson Lakes.

January and February - Combined trips with our friends from the Hutt Valley Tramping Club and Manawatu Tramping & Skiing Club. These trips were valuable socially and gave our members a chance to compare their abilities with those of other Clubs.

This Club, while young in terms of years, has a very good image in Palmerston North and beyond. This image has been built in many ways but one of the more important reasons for it has been through our participation in Search & Rescue activities. Fortunately we have not been called upon to take part in any genuine searches during the last year. I urge you all to give consideration to your ability to help in this field. If we are to keep our good name the Club must be prepared to put trained people at the disposal of the organisation at short notice. In my opinion we have the material in our ranks but whether it could be put in the field at short

notice is extremely doubtful. It is my opinion that a small group of trained men should be able to report to a search controller equipped and with food for four days within one hour of a request being made to the Club. Other searchers could turn out at later times. It is my earnest recommendation that our Club's organisation of its Search & Rescue activities should be reviewed so that a trained body of searchers could be available for this public service. Rangiwahia Hut.

The hut has benefited from further improvements this year and on my last visit the mattresses and the repairs and improvements organised and effected during the year were enjoyed by all. Our chief builder, Keith Potter and his helpers deserve our thanks for their good work.

Committee.

The Committee has met monthly, the attendance at these meetings being satisfactory. The Committee exercised its right to add to its numbers during the year when this became necessary due to the resignation of one member and another who was unable through his studies to give time to the Club's affairs.

I do thank the Committee for their assistance; they have in every respect been a working Committee and my job has been lightened considerably from previous years.

It has been a great pleasure to me to be your President and I will always remember this period as being a particularly happy one.

I move that this report be accepted.

Lawson Pither  
President.