

P.N.TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER 4/71

COMING EVENTS.

- 9th-12th April Easter Trip to Tongariro National Park.
- 14th April Lunch time meeting in the Square near the Bridge, between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m.
- 19th April Committee meeting, Monday 7.30 p.m. at Brad Owen's Flat 5, 505 Church St. The Committee will, among other things, decide whether to purchase a new rope and two new ice axes. Members should let Committee members know their views.
- 22nd April Coffee at the Nicoberg, 8.00 p.m.
- 24th April Saturday trip to Mt. Bruce Bird Sanctuary. Leader: Lynne Potter, phone 72-920. Cost: \$1.50. When putting your names in for this trip you will be advised of the time of departure.
- 25th April A Sunday Crossing of the Northern Tararuas.
(Patupaiarehe St., Baber's Saddle, Tokomaru River) Can anyone provide transport to Pahiatua? Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Sunday. Home by: 7.00 p.m. Grading: Medium Fit. Cost: \$1.20. Leader: Kevin Pearce, phone 74-129 ext. 856.
- 29th April Club Night Annual Slide Competition.
Colour Slide Competition Rules:
1. A competitor may enter any number of slides.
 2. Each slide must have been taken by the entrant personally.
 3. No slide may have been previously entered in a P.N.T.M.C. competition.
 4. There will be 3 classes, all with a tramping or outdoor flavour:
 - (1) Flora & Fauna
 - (2) Tramping subjects
 - (3) Open
 5. A slide may be entered in one class only and once entered may not be withdrawn.
 6. Entries close for all classes immediately before judging begins.
 7. First, second and third will be awarded in each of the classes, and an overall champion slide declared.
 8. Entry fee - 5 cents for each slide.
 9. First winner's will receive the total sum collected as entry fees for that class.
 10. The Judges decision is final.
 11. All slides to carry the owner's identification mark and may be titled.
 12. Slide frames to be marked with a spot in bottom left corner when held correctly for hand viewing.
- 2nd May Sunday, 10 a.m. Mountain Safety Committee's Fire Arm Safety Course. Cost \$1.00. Enquiries to Lawson Pither, Ph. 85-616, 7-8 p.m.
- 6th May Coffee at the Nicoberg, 8.00 p.m.
- 8th-9th May BUSHCRAFT I to be held near map grid reference 297197. This is the first of a series of courses on various aspects of the tramping and mountaineering crafts. Elementary navigation, tent pitching, fire lighting and river crossing will be discussed. Bring food for a communal stew, ground sheet, Tararuas map, compass, and a length of cord. Primusses prohibited. Deprt Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday, Home by 6.00 p.m. Sunday. Grading: Medium Fit, Leader: Kevin Pearce.

12th May Lunch time meeting in the Square, between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m.

17th May Committee meeting.

20th May Coffee at the Nicoberg, 8.00 p.m.

22nd 23rd May Mitre-Holdsworth. Eastern Tararua tops trip. Storm gear essential. Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday. Home by 8 30 Sunday. Grading: Fitness Essential. Leader: Kevin Pearce. Cost: \$2.40

22nd-23rd May Atiwhakatu Eastern Tararuas.
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday. Home by: 7.00 p.m. Sunday. Grading: Medium.
Leader: Dave Ryrie, Names to Heather Crabb, 77-668. Cost \$2 40.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the P.N.T.M.C. was held on 25th March.
The following members were elected to office:

Patron:	Mr. O. Jensen		
President:	Kevin Pearce	Ph.	74-129 ext.856
Vice President:	Lawson Pither	"	85-616
Secretary:	Heather Crabb	"	77-668
Treasurer:	Lynne Potter	"	72-920
Committee:	Sue Streeter	Adrian Turner	79-586
David Ryrie	79 169 ext 831	Grant Potter	89-639
Russell Johnson	87-777	Gear Custodian	
Brad Owen	83-467	Log Keeper	
Dawn Ellis	74-849		

Kevin Pearce, on behalf of the club, thanked Lawson Pither for the work he has done during his term as President over the last three years.

Subscriptions for the year 1971/72 were set as follows:

Junior: \$1.50 Senior: \$3.00 Family: \$4.00

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Ian Little, 9 Wellington St. Feilding, and Bruce Lockwood, 39 Limbrick St. P.N.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anja Suuring whose engagement to Donald Snowsill was announced recently.

FOUND An Eveready plastic torch has been found in a member's car. The owner may contact Dave Ryrie, Phone 79-169 ext.831.

FIRST AID KITS.

It has come to the attention of the Committee that the Club's First Aid Kit is being used by members for such things as blisters, cuts, headaches etc. All things of a minor nature should be dealt with with the member's own first aid kit, the Club's being used for injuries of a more serious nature. Your first aid kit should be carried at all times, and should, be light, compact, sturdy and contain materials that are effective and efficient: e.g. plaster, hand-aids, antiseptic cream, scissors, aspirins, insect repellent. These materials are the basics only and can be supplemented. We would strongly recommend members to attend courses in first aid run by local organizations, e.g. St. John's in order to gain practical knowledge of first aid.

SEARCH & RESCUE

Mountain Search and Rescue (S.A.R.) in New Zealand is under the control of the Police. The bulk of the manpower used during searches and rescues are civilian volunteers, mainly from tramping clubs and deerstalker's associations. Accidents or overdue parties are reported to the Police who, after consultation with civilian experts, may decide to mount a search or rescue. A search controller is appointed, usually a civilian. The search controller as his name implies, controls the search. Manpower is raised by ringing various 'contact men' who in turn ring volunteers, of whom they have a list. Alternatively the Police ring the volunteers direct. Generally those who have indicated that they are keen to be called out are called out first. If more manpower is required the next to be called are those who will not lose pay (mainly civil servants and employees of the larger community minded firms). In very large searches a third group of volunteers who will lose pay may be called out.

In addition to being grouped according to availability volunteers are also grouped according to their fitness and experience. Thus different people may be involved in a search for, say a small child in easy scrub country than would be involved in, say a winter tops search. Some people are only available during certain times of the year or on certain days of the week due to other responsibilities. Note is made of this on the list of S.A.R. volunteers.

A typical sequence of events is as follows. A S.A.R. volunteer receives a phone call late on Monday or Tuesday asking him to be at the Police Station the following morning at 5.00 a.m. Alternatively he may be asked sometime during the day to be ready to go out on a search at short notice. He may later be advised that the missing party has been located and that the search has been called off or may be asked to go immediately to the Police Station. All searchers are expected to bring food and equipment for four days. Obtaining the food can cause problems if the call comes late at night. Army Landrovers or trucks or Police cars transport the searchers who are assigned to search teams to the search area. The search controller assigns tasks to the teams who are provided with two-way radios and maps.

Searchers may (but often don't) claim from the Police for loss or damage to gear, for wages lost or for compensation in case of injury. No other expenses or wages are paid. Search and rescue work is often arduous and unpleasant and the weather often poor. It is however an essential community service. Tramping club members by virtue of their training and experience are well suited for S.A.R. Saving of life and alleviation of suffering are very satisfying pastimes and S.A.R. volunteers enjoy a certain prestige.

The Club is at present revising its S.A.R. lists and invites members to volunteer. Please give your name to Lawson Pither, Kevin Pearce or Russ Johnson.

PAST TRIPS.

Stephen McGill, Michael Barham, Ian Stewart, Peter Baxter, Kevin Pearce, Sue Streeter, Lawson Pither, Brad Owen, Owen Robinson, Ian Little, Grant Potter, Ian Hoare and Michael Wrigle completed a successful crossing of the Ruahines on Saturday 27th February. Eight of the above party started from Tamaki West near Dannevirke, crossed a low saddle at the head of the Tamaki West stream into Cattle Creek, a tributary of the Pohangina River. They then followed the river down to the Pohangina Valley road. The remaining five persons did the exact reverse, drivers having swapped cars before leaving from the Izadium. This trip is a particularly good one for warm weather and was enjoyed. One party member broke his neck but was able to walk out.

7th March. THE PIED PIPER VISITS THE OHAU GORGE.

Thirty-nine (yes 39!) Club members, friends and students from College House traveled by bus to the Ohau Pipe bridge on a sunny Sunday 7th March morning. The bus driver who was used to bus loads of teenagers issued a stern injunction before starting the bus. This was either very, effective or, much more probably, quite unnecessary. The party followed the track to Ohau Hut and had lunch about a further half hour up the river. P.B. (these initials do not stand for Peak Bagger) gave an excellent demonstration of pack floating. It was also noted with interest that P.B. is bringing his sister up in correct trampers' fashion, Muesli for lunch! After lunch we followed the river right down to the Pipe bridge. Three of the keener club members who went up the river to South Ohau managed to return in time to catch the bus. The lively company of our nineteen friends from College House was much enjoyed. Those taking part were: Heather Crabb, Grant Potter, Tony Croad, Peter Sutcliffe, Keith Margrain, Graham Loveridge, Kevin Pearce, Peter Baxter, Christine Baxter, Lyall Ferris, Sue Streeter, Anne McDonald, Peter McDonald, Brad Owen; Richard, Murcott, Robin Paul, Lindsay Sands, Lawson Pither, Richard Ussher, Peter Wallace and eighteen boys under the care of Mr. Neville Bingham.

FOR SALE

Thirty-two brand new white plastic mugs for sale by tender. Apply in writing, in triplicate, to the President.

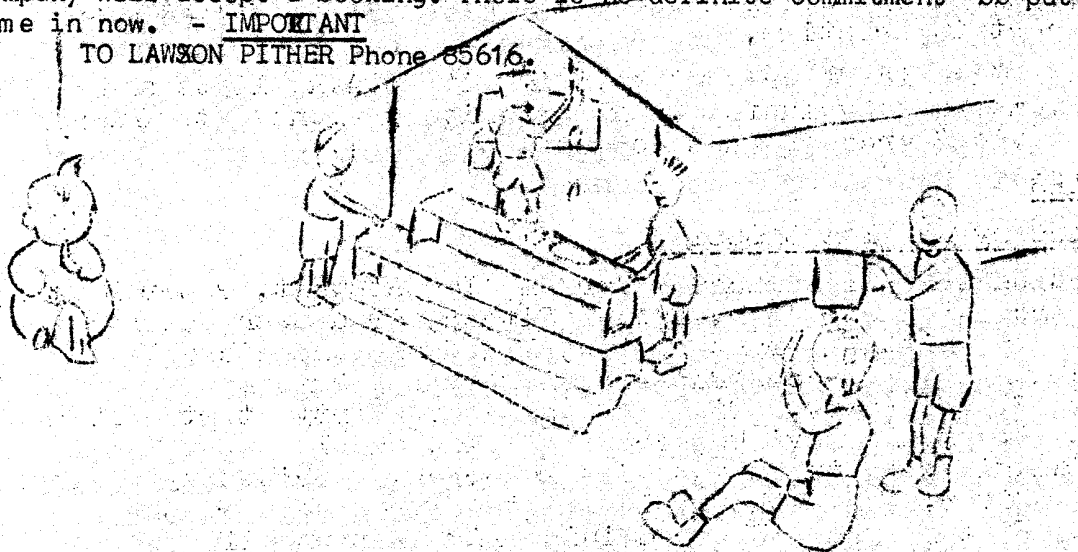
12th-14th March. TARARUA MAIN RANGE.

Tirotiro Knob, Table Top, Dennan, West Peak, Boyd Wilson, Vosseler, Yeates, McIntosh, Tuiti, Tunui, Maunghuka, Simpson, Wright, Aokaparangi, Kahiwiroa, Junction Knob, Shoulder Knob, seventeen named bumps, up, down, up, down etc., mist, a fresh easterly, to bed at midnight on Friday, and 2 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Sunday. The ingredients of an enjoyable weekend? Ask any or all of the following: Brad Owen, Peter Baxter, Malcolm Watson, Kevin Pearce, Mike Stott, Grant Potter, Tony Moss, Julian Dalefield, Westly Dalefield, Ian Hoare, Stephen McGill, Owen Robinson.

CHRISTMAS TRIP

27 December to 10 January - We must have names of those intending to go as soon as possible as these are required before the shipping Company will accept a booking. There is no definite commitment by putting your name in now. - IMPORTANT
TO LAWSON PITHER Phone 85616.

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Painting the Club hut.

