

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

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### NEWSLETTER 6/71

#### COMING EVENTS.

27<sup>th</sup> May CLUB NIGHT, at the Society of Friends Church Hall, 227 College St. at 7.30 p.m. A slide evening is to be presented on this occasion on a recent trip to the Fiordland National Park by some of our members. This is a most interesting and unspoilt area and is very suitable for longer type trips by Club parties.

29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May WAIOPEHU – GABLE END, in the Ohau area.  
Leader: Ian Hoare, Ph. 83-448 Grading: Fit  
Cost: \$1.05 Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, RICHMOND RANGE.  
Trip list closes on club night 27<sup>th</sup> May. Ferry bookings have been made. No further bookings or arrangements can be made until there are sufficient names on the list.  
Leader: Dave Ryrie Grading: Fitness Essential  
Public Transport costs: Approx. \$8.00

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June MAIN RANGE, TARARUAS  
For this trip you will need a reliable torch, spare batteries and bulb so that you can see your way to Fields Hut on Friday night.  
Food: Bring food in separate packages for two communal stews, three breakfasts and three lunches. Also bring chocolate, scroggin, biscuits etc.  
Clothing: As there could be snow make sure the following items are included: Parka, woollen mittens, balaclava, overtrousers and sleeping bag cover.  
Depart Izadium: 6 p.m. Friday Home by: 6 p.m. Monday  
Grading: Medium  
Leader: Adrian Turner, Ph. 79-586 until 8 p.m. Cost: \$1 .80

9<sup>th</sup> June: Members are invited to attend a meeting of the Royal Forest-& Bird Protection Society to be held at St. Andrews Hall, Church St. on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.45 p.m. The guest speaker is Guide Alack (Author of "Guide Aspiring") his address being entitled "Farewell Spit to the Bluff" which includes slides showing the scenery, history and recreational potential of the South Island outdoors.

Please hand your names to Heather Crabb, 77-668, so that we may inform them of the number attending.

13<sup>th</sup> June COFFEE EVENING Altered from 10<sup>th</sup> June to SUNDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Nicoberg, 8.00 p.m.

10<sup>th</sup> June COMMITTEE MEETING, at Brad Owen's, Flat 5, 505 Church St. 7.30 p.m.

16<sup>th</sup> June LUNCHTIME MEETING at the "Mark Twain" from ,12 noon till 1:30 p.m.

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June ROCK CLIMBING I

An introduction to rock climbing at famous Titahi Bay. This weekend will be a prerequisite to Rock Climbing II and Snowcraft II. Bring normal weekend tramping gear and food and also a water bottle containing water.

Cost: \$2 00

Names to Lawson Pither 85-616 before 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
People could make this either a day or a weekend trip.

20<sup>th</sup> June COPPERMINE

This trip has been changed from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. For those who wish to go on a side trip to Wharite, we suggest you bring long trousers for bush-bashing.

Depart Izadium: 7.30 a.m. Grading: Easy  
Side trip to Wharite: Medium Home by 6.00 p.m. approx.  
Leader: Russ Johnson, ph. 87-777

22<sup>nd</sup> June SEARCH & RESCUE INSTRUCTION EVENING

7.30 p.m. Room 6, P.N. Police Station. Other tramping and deerstalking clubs will also be in attendance.

Please give names to Russ Johnson, 87-777, before 8 p.m.

24<sup>th</sup> June CLUB NIGHT FILMS at the Society of Friends Church Hall, 227 College St. at 7.30 p.m.

SNOWCRAFT – Instruction in techniques of snow climbing, use of rope, step cutting, crampons etc.

FIORLAND EXPEDITION 1949 – A joint N.Z.-U.S. exploration of one of the least known areas of N.Z. – many branches of science participating.

TWIN LAKES – A leisurely journey, mainly by water showing the scenic beauty of lakes Manapouri and Te Anau.

GLACIER CLIMBERS – A four day mountain journey from Westland to Canterbury across the Southern Alps. At Malte Brun Hut the climbers meet Sir Edmund Hilary and complete the traverse by journeying down the Tasman Glacier.

SUPPER DUTIES: Michael Barham, Peter Baxter

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June RANGIWAHIA MID-WINTER VISIT

The annual general meeting of the Rangiwahia Polar Bear Club – come join in Nordic frolics in the captivating surroundings of Rangi. See your ex-president open the Gala with a spectacular display of high-board diving.

Grading: Easy Leader: Graeme Pascoe, ph. 86-370

Cost: \$1.60 Depart Izadium: 7 a.m. Saturday

Home by: 6 p.m. approx. Sunday.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to:

Teresa Signal, Palmerston North  
Lindsay Sandes, 4 Belgrave Place, P.N.

SLIDE COMPETITION RESULTS

On May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Quaker Hall the annual Slide Competition was held. Fifty-one slides were entered, all of a high standard. We are much indebted to the judges, Mr. John Cleland and Mr. John Brock. We look forward to seeing these gentlemen again next year.

The following people were successful in the competition:

Class 1,	FLORA & FAUNA	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Peter Sutcliffe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Sutcliffe
	“Winter Rabbit”	“Tall Fescue & Hawkbit”
2,	TRAMPING SUBJECTS	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Roger Lander	2 <sup>nd</sup> Graeme Pascoe
	“The Dart”	“Tunupo Camp”
3,	OPEN	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Dave Rylie	2 <sup>nd</sup> Roger Lander
	“Fire”	“Egmont Sunset”

HIRE GEAR

A fee has now been fixed for the hiring of the ice axes and is as follows: 50c for the first three days and 10c each additional day thereafter.

### BUSHCRAFT SLIDES

Lawson and Kevin would like to borrow slides depicting any scenes of bushcraft, activities, ie. pitching of tents, river crossing etc. that would be suitable for inclusion in a talk to be given to youth leaders by the Manawatu Mountain Safety Council some time in June.

Please contact Lawson Pither 85-616 if you can assist.

### PAST TRIPS

#### 25<sup>th</sup> April – MT. BRUCE BIRD SANCTUARY

The trip to Mt. Bruce Bird Sanctuary was held on 25th April instead of 24<sup>th</sup> April as advertised due to lack of transport being available on Saturday. The weather was beautiful, fine and warm and a very enjoyable day was spent by all. Unfortunately the Kiwis were not on display, as apparently they were enroute for Osaka Zoo, Japan. The Sanctuary is well worth a visit if only to give you a closer look at many of New Zealand's native birds and as additions seem to be being made all the time, the display is changing constantly.

Those attending: Lynne Potter, Keither Potter, Claire Hoby, Russ Johnson & family, Nissen family, Colin Hoare, Heather Crabb.

#### 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May BUSHCRAFT

I have heard an earlier trip report of mine described as absolutely horrible. One indignant defender of traditional forms and categories didn't regard it as a true trip report at all, and one member even thanked me for not mentioning her name. Therefore, I was tempted to spare you this, but I am apparently duty bound. And "When duty cries aloud, conscience is not deaf" (Wordsworth? No, Pither.) So for the facts.....The flu bug knocked out four starters including the trip leader. One of the chauffeurs was pressed into service as trip leader. Someone's car had also picked up a bug and wouldn't start on Saturday morning, and someone (the same someone) got half way to Shannon before remembering to pack his boots. Eventually twelve people; eight members, a visitor from the Manawatu and three rangers (girl guide - not park), left the upper dam about 9.00 a.m.

The intention was that we should operate as three groups of four, each group practicing lighting its own fire, tent pitching, river crossing etc. There had been seven days of heavy rain prior to the trip so conditions were ideally suited to test our competence and, as you all know, "hardship and suffering is good both for the soul and character". (Pither? No, the Maquis de Sade in one of his more exhausted moments.) Camp was made by two groups just up river from Harris Creek Hut and one group camped by Harris Creek. Sunday morning, those near the hut did some elementary map reading and made several river crossings using various methods. We then returned to the dam. The Harris Creek Quartet soon joined us. They were rather reticent about what they had been practicing. I suspect it was the very sensible bushcrafts of eating and sleeping-bag bashing. Before finally leaving several partial climbing ascents of the dam wall were made.

Trip members: Tony Croad, Grant Potter, Cheryl Salmons, Vivienne Salmons, Lindsay Sandes, Richard Murcott, Adrian Turner, Christine Batt, Mary Mortenson, Brad Owen, Dave Ryrie, Wesley Dalefield.

#### 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May WHOSE DONE THE MITRE?

On the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> two parties entered the Tararuas, one an F.E. the other Medium. The Medium trip went to the Atiwhakatu saddle. On the saddle we had this discussion:

- D. "We've done the trip. Do you feel like doing some more?"  
S. "O.K."  
D. "One Possibility is that we go up onto the Holdsworth Mitre Ridge and complete the F.E. trip."  
S. Right we'll give it ago.

So we set off up Baldy briefly stopping at Tori Spooner's Grave. From there onwards we were able to observe Angle Knob Hut taking particular note that it was not occupied.

At Holdsworth-Mitre ridge we built a prominent cairn inserting in it a note for the F.E. party. A last look at Angle Knob (4.30) showed it was still unoccupied. We crossed South King and stopped at Mid King Bivvy.

Sunday being very wet we had the following discussion:

- D. Wander where the F.E. party is?
- S. Don't know, but should have seen them or their footprints.
- D. What about doing the Mitre?
- S. Could be done.

We cleared out the usual mess. A continuation was later made after an interval by going down the Mid King Spur, and proceeded for the benefit of "Doubting Thomases" to find p. 22 of current Mitre Flats Hut Log book, and found no mention of F.E. party so we wrote in what we did.

Trip members: Sue Streeter; Dave Ryrrie.