

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

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24<sup>th</sup> JUNE SPECIAL CLUB NIGHT

GRAEME DINGLE

"THE FOOL ON THE HILL"

(A comparison of New Zealand & World Mountaineering Scenes)

Mr. Graeme Dingle, New Zealand Mountaineer of World Fame has agreed to address the Club. This will be the event of the Year. Graeme is known for his climbs of the Matterhorn, the north wall of the Eiger, the Caroline face of Mount Cook and has been on expeditions to the Himalayas and the Andes. He will illustrate his talk using two slide projectors simultaneously. Because of this special requirement and because of the great public interest a change of venue has been necessary.

MARSDEN LECTURE THEATRE, MASSEY UNIVERSITY  
8 p.m. THURSDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE.

The public have been invited to this evening and a charge of 30 cents will be collected at the door. (P.S. Peter Baxter has climbed with Graeme!)

DO NOT MISS THE MEETING!

BRING ALONG A FRIEND.

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COMING EVENTS

20<sup>th</sup> June: COPPERMINE HUT

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, it is suggested that you bring long trousers for bush-bashing.

Depart Izadium: 7.30 a.m. Grading: Easy  
Side trip to Wharite: Medium Home by: 6 p.m. approx.  
Leader: Russ Johnson, 87-777 Cost: 80 cents.

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June: ROCK CLIMBING TITAHI BAY

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

People could make this either a day or a weekend trip.

22<sup>nd</sup> June: SEARCH & RESCUE 7.30 p.m. Room 6, Police Station. (N.B. Not Cell 6)  
Basic Map & compass Instruction and practical use.

Contact :Rues Johnson, Ph. 87-777, as the number attending is required by the organisers.

24<sup>th</sup> June: CLUB NIGHT Gra.eme Dingle "The Fool on the Hill".  
To be held at Massey University - Marsden Lecture Theatre.  
Charge at door - 30 cents.

26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June: RANGIWAHIA MIDWINTER VISIT  
As previously advertised, "Come and join in those Nordic Frolics."  
Grading: Easy. Leader: Graeme Pascoe, 86-370  
Depart Izadium: 7 a.m. Saturday Home by: 6 p.m. Sunday approx.  
Cost: \$1.50

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July: INSTRUCTORS' SNOWCRAFT COURSE

4<sup>th</sup> July: SUNDAY COFFEE EVENING 8 o'clock at the Nicoberg.  
Come and swap some of those gripping trampers' tales, to melodious music.

10<sup>th</sup> July: MOUNTAIN HOUSE Day trip – Easy

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July: POWELL HUT Weekend trip - Medium  
Depart Izadium: 7 o'clock Saturday Leaders: Lynne Potter - Day trip  
Phone 72-920 Malcolm Watson – weekend trip, ph. 78-517  
Home by: 6 p.m. Saturday approx - day trip.  
6 p.m. Sunday - weekend trip Cost: \$2.00 approx.

15<sup>th</sup> July: Thursday COMMITTEE MEETING At Kevin Pearce's, 378 Botanical Road. 7.30 p.m.

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July: Snowcraft I TUROA  
Depart Izadium: 6 p.m. Friday Names to Lawson Pither, 85-616 by 14<sup>th</sup>  
July. Cost: Adults \$5.30 Juniors \$4.00

18<sup>th</sup> July: SUNDAY COFFEE EVENING Nicoberg 8 o'clock  
We would like to see a good muster of the club at this chin wagers' session.

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July: COW CREEK Medium  
Leader: Owen Robinson Phone 88-512  
Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday. Cost: \$2.00 approx.

29<sup>th</sup> July: CLUB NIGHT at Society Friends Church Hall 227 College St., 7.30 p.m.  
As previously advertised for June 24<sup>th</sup> - Films.  
Plus a talk on maps - purchasing etc. by Roger Lander.  
Supper Duties: Peter Baxter, Michael Barham, Kevin Pearce.  
(Please bring a tea towel from home.)

30<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> Aug. SNOWCRAFT II Egmont  
Depart Izadium: 6 o'clock Friday night. Cost: \$7.00 seniors \$5.50 juniors  
Names to Lawson Pither, 85-616 by 28<sup>th</sup> July.

24<sup>th</sup> Dec.-Jan. CHRISTMAS TRIP FIORDLAND - FITNESS ESSENTIAL

The route will be decided when all those interested have had a meeting. However, an indication is necessary.

Route: Supper Cove to South Fiord, Lake Te-Anau, via the tops. We will fly in by float plane and launch out.

Cost: Approximately \$80-90 for 25 days. All those interested please contact Dave Ryrie.

27<sup>th</sup> Dec.-10<sup>th</sup> Jan. CHRISTMAS TRIP TO ARTHURS PASS. Only two vacancies left.

Phone Lawson Pither, 85-616.

NOTICES.

LANDS & SURVEY DEPT. MAPS.

Members may purchase maps at a discount through the club. Maps of all areas are available. Discuss your requirements with Kevin Pearce.

Tararua Mountain System	30 cents.
Ruahine Mountain System	40 cents.
Tongariro National Park	50 cents.
Topograptrical Maps, new contoured	
Ruahine Sheet covering Rangī area.	50 cents.

ASCENTS LIST

As we are a Mountaineering Club the Committee has decided to maintain a list of mountain ascents by Club members. Only ascents involving some degree of technical difficulty and which have taken place since the beginning of this year will be included. Send details of any successful climbs you have made to the Secretary. Details required: Name of peak (and location if not well known) date of climb, route, persons in the successful party.

Example: Rum Doodle 34,300' (Erewhon) on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1971 by the North West Ridge, William A Yeti and Anon Smith.

SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE

The Trip Schedule sub-committee invites you to suggest places to go for the next schedule.

Please give your ideas to one of the following:  
Dave Ryrie, Dawn Ellis, Brad Owen.

PERSONAL Congratulations to Bill. Holmes, a foundation Club member who was married recently.

SUBS Now well and truly overdue - this could be your last newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to: Peter Croad, 28 Worcester St. P.N.  
Wesley Dalefield, Gillespies Line, R.D, 5, P.N.  
Jane Scrymgeour, Flat 13, 518 Church St., P.N.  
Richard Ussher, 40 Ihaka St., P.N.  
Roger Lander, 15 Esk St., P.N.

LOST 2 pairs of thick wool socks. 1 green pair and 1 speckled black - white tabs near top marked OLSEN. On Tararua Trip 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May. Anyone finding these amongst their gear and returning them to:

Mrs. W. Olsen,  
92 South Karori Road,  
WELLINGTON 5

will be thanked, having done a good deed!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

There is at the present time an interesting habit passing through the club. Some members are adopting ostrich-like attitudes when addressed by other members. Now we are all aware of the fact that ostriches are renowned for burying their heads in the sand. A small proportion of our humans seem to be

imitating this trait for in order not to be recognised, they persist in burying their heads in packs, leaving only a pair of white socks visible, gazing at the ceiling with rapt, fanatical expressions or simply crawling into corners and making odd guffawing noises which defy a logical explanation.

Yours etc.

Anon. (the original)

#### PAST TRIPS

21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May. HOLDSWORTH – SOUTH KING

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Ian Little, Roger Lander, Grant Potter, Brad Owen, Kevin Pearce, and Ian Hoare took part on this trip to the Eastern Tararua. Powell hut was reached Friday night at 11.30 p.m. after a three hour tramp and we were away again at 7.15 a.m. next morning. We suspect that our comparatively early departure impressed the locals who showed signs of wishing to sleep in. A southerly breeze, a few flakes of snow and a haziness in the atmosphere immediately began to rot morale. At about 10 o'clock we were above the turn off to Angle Knob hut. Mutiny occurred and all were thankfully back in sleeping bags a short while later.

About mid afternoon Bill Olsen and Tony Morrison, almost complete with families, arrived at the hut but did not recognise us. This was not altogether surprising as we were becoming covered with bed sores. Just as our visitors were about to leave for Atiwhakatu hut we admitted our identity and they decided to stay the night. Thus it was that at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday there were twelve people in residence in the hut and the fire was going and was presumably making smoke.

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Next morning Roger, Kevin and Ian Hoare left for South King and Pinnacle Ridge. The weather was not very wet but was similar to that enjoyed the previous day. The only rain was a light shower at 1 p.m. lasting about 15 minutes.

The remaining members of the party returned by way of Jumbo and the Atiwhakatu Stream. All were back at Holdsworth Lodge before 5 p.m.

The author is at a loss to explain the differences in certain facts given in this account and a certain earlier account of another trip to this area. Could one of these two trips be fictitious?

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N.B. The typist has had nothing whatever to do with the composition of this report. Being a person of integrity she only obeyed instructions to type it with her eyes shut.

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June. RANGI

Due to unfortunate circumstances the scheduled Main Range, Tararua trip had to be cancelled. On Saturday a party went to Rangī. On arrival at the hut we had a brew, then we set off up the ridge towards Mangahua. About half way up the ridge blisters took a toll of two members so they decided to return, to the hut. The balance of the party reached the top of the Mangahua Range by midday then returned to the hut for lunch. We left the hut in mid afternoon for an easy walk back to the cars.

Trip members: Peter Wallace, John Battersby, Dawn Ellis and Adrian Turner.

Queen's Birthday TARARUA CROSSING

Brad Owen, Kevin Pearce, Wally McKnight, Tony Morrison and Bill Olsen completed a successful crossing from Kiriwhakapapa to Otaki Forks via Waingawa, Bannister, Carkeek Ridge and Waitewaewae. The weather was good except perhaps on the Monday when rain brought up the rivers.

DISCLAIMER: There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that the president and vice president were seen climbing Ruapehu carrying large packets of soap powder with them; prior to the eruptions.

