

P.N.TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER 2/72

COMING EVENTS

5th February. Annual Pilgrimage – Fields Hut

Grading: Easy Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday
Cost: \$1.50 Names to: Heather Crabb, 77-668

5th-6th February. Penn Creek

Grading: Medium Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday
Leader: Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext. 856. Cost: \$1.50
Proceeding to Fields Hut on Saturday, then down to Penn Creek. We will come down the Otaki gorge on Sunday. Bring swimming togs and food for a communal stew for Saturday night.

10th February. COMMITTEE MEETING

7:30 p.m. at Brad Owen's, 22 Pahiatua St.

12th –13th February. Lower TAUHERENIKAU GORGE.

Grading: Easy Depart Izadium: 6 a.m.
Cost: Approx. \$2.50. Leader: Peter Darroch, 86-824
Bring double Vesta Beef Curry & Rice, Instant pudding or red Jelly and fruit for Saturday night's meal.

19th February. Bushcraft

This will be a course of advanced bushcraft at a secret location. Persons going on this trip should be fit and have some knowledge of bush craft.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext. 856.
Cost: \$1.00 Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday.

24th February. Club Night.

At the Society of friends, Church Hall, 227 College St. (behind the West End Chemist) at 7:30 p.m.

Slides will be shown of the Arthur's Pass Christmas Trip when 10 intrepid members made an impression on this area. Come early to be sure of getting a seat.

SUPPER DUTIES: Tony Moss, Keith Margrain, Brad Owen.

26th February. PANATAWAEWAE.

Grading: Easy Depart Izadium: 6:30 a.m.
Cost: Approx. \$1.20 Leader: Heather Crabb, 77-668.

4th –5th March. OTAKI GORGE.

Grading: Fit. Depart Izadium: Friday night, 7 p.m.
Cost: \$1.50 Leader: Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext. 856.

This trip will involve pack floating through deep pools in the Otaki Gorge. Trip members need not be strong swimmers, but should be confident in water. Bring air mattress or tyre inner tube and lots of plastic bags to keep clothes dry, and ingredients for communal stew for Saturday night.

4th –5th March. WAITEWAEWAE.

Grading: Easy Depart Izadium: Saturday morning, 7 a.m.
Cost: \$1.50 Leader: Lawson Pither, 85-616.
Bring food for a communal stew.

11th –12th March. Full POHANGINA RIVER.

Grading: FE Depart Izadium: Friday night
Leader: Grant Potter, 89-639

This trip will travel light and very fast (the first of the “handbag trips”!) For more details ring, Grant Potter. Can anyone help with transport, please?

30th March. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P.N. TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB.

NOTICES

RESIGNATION Owing to pressure of studying for exams Dave Ryrie has resigned from the committee. Thank you Dave, for the work you have done for the club.

NEWSLETTER HEADING

The committee plans to have a special stencil cut with a suitable design for the Newsletter heading. You are invited to submit your designs for the committee's consideration.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Several times over the last few months, leaders have defaulted in their responsibility and failed to arrange for another person to lead a trip. This responsibility is detailed in the “Guide for Trip Leaders”, which is issued to new trip leaders a few weeks before the trip is due to run.

Also, trip leaders have had the need to ask committee members advice on how to run their trips. This tends to point towards a growing need for a Chief Guide in our club. Some of our club members may not know what type of work a Chief Guide does, so it seems necessary to set down some facts to lead up to preparation of a motion to be presented at the A.G.M. So, the Chief Guide could have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To meet all newcomers to the club and encourage their attendance on trips and Bush and Snowcraft instruction courses.
2. Calling and chairing the Trip Schedule Committee; arranging for the printing of agreed Trip Schedule and its distribution.
3. To ensure that each trip has a trip leader.
4. To ensure the placement of trip notices at Club.
5. To assist and advise the trip leader with any questions that a trip leader may have (on the area, capabilities of the trip personnel.)
6. Arrange for permits and permission to cross farmers' and other private property.
7. Control the use of Club Huts, by Club trip and other organisations and persons; and arrange for use of huts under control of other clubs or organisations.
8. Oversee the organisation of instruction courses.
9. Search & Rescue.
10. Liaises with: Gear Custodian, Chief Guides of other Clubs, N.Z.F.S., Land Owners, National Park Boards.

I therefore promote the amendment to the rules of “Rules of the P.N.T.M.C. (Inc.)” to read as follows:

“ 14. The entire management of the Club and its property, shall be deputed to an Executive Committee consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Chief Guide, Treasurer and not less than four other committee members to be decided at each Annual

General Meeting.

15 the Executive Committee shall nominate suitable persons for position of Patron, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Guide and Auditor"

Dave Ryrie.

PAST TRIPS.

6th -7th November. MITRE FLATS.

On a clear day, you can see for ever, if you're sitting on top of Mitre and its only 9:30 in the morning. Tramping is really about getting to places, and then enjoying the fruit of so much hard labour. Unfortunately, we couldn't stay long enough in the warmth of a perfect Tararua day.

For those who haven't been to Mitre Flats, it's about time you did; after the initial grunt the track is very good and easy going with streams at 20 -30 minute intervals. There are spectacular views of your feet or if you look further of the Waingawa River 600 ft. below in a gorge. We made it to the hut in a comfortable 3½ hours and occupied the place with a mouse and a few sandflies for mates. Owen went for a swim, I chopped wood and Lawson cooked up a stew of military proportions. I'm not sure what Bill did; I think he had a smoke and made another brew.

On Sunday, we set out at about 6 a.m. with the prospect of having to climb nearly 4,000 ft., but the fellow who made the track was a genius. We strolled through open beech forest and merged into bright sunshine, with the distance half covered in little more than an hour. Fitness was not essential for this trip, but it would have helped. Instead, we took our time and admired the scenery, which unfolded as we scrambled along a snowgrass ridge to the highest point in the Tararuas.

And so to the return, down in half the time to come up, tidy the hut, feed the mouse, and then back onto the Barra track. I would have liked to go down the river, but there is some swimming to be done and we weren't prepared for it. If you do go in, I think it would be a pleasant change from the track, and quite spectacular in places - with no extra time involved. Failing that there is an excellent swimming hole at the end. When you are really steamed up -- and if anyone finds a sock at the bottom of it, I've still rather hopefully got its mate.

27th November. KAPAKAPANUI

The 27th November saw six energetic members of our club, trying to keep fit by climbing Kapakapanui, a prominent dome shaped pinnacle, east of Waikanae. These six members whizzed up this mountainous peak in a time quite unheard of. At the top, one could hear the call of Tarzan or was it the G.P (General Postie) telling Jane he had found a cosy spot for lunch.

Lunch over, three members of the party descended Kapakapanui by the way they ascended. They battled the way down through the cutty grass and bush to the car below. Meanwhile, back in the jungle, the other three members decided to go down the other side of Kapakapanui to a logging road. Over logs, under logs, through mud and swamp they could struggle in order to follow the little red discs. They plodded on until they reached a shining white angel who was patiently waiting for his grubby devils (all the time secretly hoping they were lost so he could go on a S.A.R.) The angel then took them in his golden chariot to join up with the other three members of the trip.

Trip members: Sane Jcrymgeor (I didn't think she was insane), Prant Gott'er (Who he got I wouldn't know). Ceather Hrabb (Maybe it was this one), Ranet Jochelle (all this?) Ceter Proad, Tdrienne Ahompson. Thanks to Kevin for providing transport.

18th -19th December. THE SOUTHERN CROSSING

Five would-be trampers reached Field's Hut after a three-hour hike in a river of perspiration on Friday night. A cool breeze and a good view accompanied us across the tops on Saturday

morning. Lunch was eaten next to a tarn on Mt. Alpha. At this point one member discovered that sardines were not a true trampers food. He offered them around but was greeted with the comments "ooh", "ugh" and "smelly". One member even asked the sardine eater to move elsewhere.

When the sun had disappeared the party strolled on to Alpha Hut. We occupied the hut with three other parties, and because of the water shortage Mark and Sue, two dedicated members, carted water from a nearby tarn.

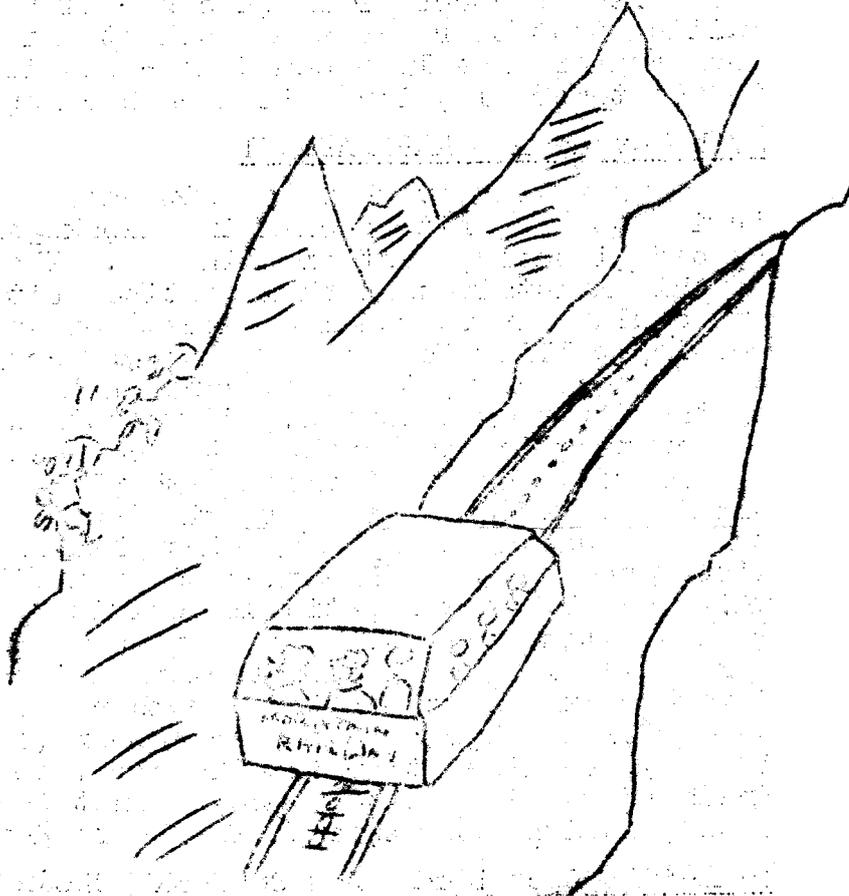
We awoke to a misty, damp Sunday morning, but this cleared while galloping down the Omega track. The tramp down the Tauherenikau River was much appreciated. Five minutes past Tauherenikau Hut we came upon an elderly couple in Sunday driving gear. When they were out of sight sniggers and "touroids" were heard. Are we, the band of elite, select core of trampers becoming vain?

The car was reached two hours later. We had arrived weary and footsore, and to our embarrassment, the elderly couple, feeling very fresh followed close behind! So ended a most enjoyable tramp, with the thought on our minds that we are of the same species as the touroids. Many thanks to Mr Annabell for providing transport. Trip members were: Mark Annabell, Margaret Elliott, Bruce Lockwood, Sue Streeter. Leader: Peter Baxter.

14th -16th January. NORTH EGMONT

Brett Owen, Kevin Pearce, Malcolm Watson and Roger Lander enjoyed successful weekend. Egmont was climbed on Sunday morning after the mad scheme of spending the night on the summit had been abandoned because of high winds. Sunday was calm. On the way home, our heroes witnessed the spectacular rock-through-the-windscreen trick. (If a windscreen measuring 20 x 44 inches disintegrates into the fragments measuring ¼ inch square: how long will it take to clean up?)

WANTED Cotton reels, bottle tops, toothpaste tops, old makup and lipstick containers for teaching aids. Please give them to Adrienne Thompson, 38 Park Rd., Phone 74-203.



"Anything to save a few bob, some people."
(From a newspaper cartoon)