



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

NEWSLETTER

Hon. Secretary,
Heather Crab, 77-668.

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COMING EVENTS.

20th-22nd January. ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND. GREATER NORTHERN CROSSING

Grading: F.E.
Cost: \$4.00
Depart Izadium: 6.00 p.m. Friday night 19th.
Names to: Ian Hoare, phone 83-448

Could anyone help with transport please?

21st-22nd January. POWELL HUT.

Grading: Easy Cost: Approx. \$2.50
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Sunday Names to: Ian Hoare, phone
83-448

25th January. CLUB NIGHT.

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St. at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Bring along your slides and share memories of past trips with us all.

27th-28th January. FULL POHANGINA RIVER.

Grading: F.E. Cost: \$2.50 approx.
For details rang Ian Hoare, phone 83-448.

28th January. POHANGINA RIVER.

Grading: Easy. Cost: 70c
Leave Izadium: 7.00 a.m. Sunday. Names to: Ian Hoare, phone
83-448.

3rd-4th February. ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO FIELDS HUT.

Grading: Easy. Cost: \$1.30
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.
This trip is arranged to celebrate the first trip run by the club.

10th-11th February. RANGIWAHIA--HOWLETTS CROSSING.

Grading: F.E. Cost: \$3.50 approx.
For details ring John McFarlane, 72-289.

HOWLETTS HUT.

Grading: Medium Cost: \$2.00 approx.
Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.
Leader: Peter Darroch, phone 86-824.

11th February. TUKITUKI RIVER

Grading: Easy Cost: Approx. \$2.00
Depart Izadium: 7:30 a.m. Sunday.
Rang Trevor Stretton, phone 84-925.

14th February. COMMITTEE MEETING.

7:30 p.m. at Bruce Lockwood's 26 Epsom Rd. P.N.

17th-18th February. NEILL—WINCHCOMBE

Grading: F.E. Cost: \$2.00 approx. Rang Ian
Hoare, phone 83-448

LOWER TAURENIKAU GORGE

Grading: Medium Cost: Approx. \$2.00
Names to: Trevor Stretton, 84-925

22nd February. CLUB NIGHT

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7:30 p.m.
SUPPER DUTIES: Sue Streeter, Pauline Gibbons, Alastair Gaisford.

24th-25th February. WALLS WHARE--TOTARA FLATS.

Grading: Medium Cost: \$2.20 approx.
Depart Izadium: 6 a.m. Saturday. Leader: Karyn Bishop, phone 84-925.

DRIVERS

Could car drivers please note mileage to road ends on trips and give these mileages to either Trevor Stretton, 84-925 or Ian Hoare, 83-448.

Trip costing is worked out at 0.015c per mile plus 20c club gear hire.

GEAR HIRE

Trevor Stretton, the gear custodian, will be away on holiday from Friday 19th January for a fortnight. In his absence of Karyn Bishop will be pleased to help you with hire gear. Her phone number is 84-925.

CLUB VEHICLE

Donations for the restoration of the van have been coming in and are gratefully accepted. However, still more money is needed to get the vehicle on the road. Our treasurer, Bruce Lockwood will be pleased to accept donations for this cause and don't forget anything over 50c will assure you of a 6" square with your name on it on the van.

HUTT VALLEY TRAMPING CLUB ANNIVERSARY.

The Hutt Valley Tramping Club invite old H.V.T.C. members who are interested in helping them celebrate their 50th Anniversary at Labour Weekend to write to:

50th Anniversary Committee,
Hutt Valley Tramping Club,
P.O. Box 183,
WELLINGTON.

PAST TRIPS.

8th October. BLUE RANGE

Nine people toiled their way up and along to Blue Range Hut on a very warm day. The hut is on an ideal site in beech forest with magnificent views of much of the Northern Tararuas.

After lunch and a "brew" some of the party continued along the range to Te Mara while the rest headed back to the cars via the now derelict Rovers Hut. Climbing some "very old" beech trees on Te Mara trig resulted in more fine views of the Waingawa River far below. The tree climbers regained the main party at the Rovers Hut, "just after" they had arrived, despite protestations that they had been awaited for considerably longer.

An unexpected attack from sandflies saw us scurrying back to the protection of the cars to end a most rewarding day in the hills.

Those participating: Karyn Davis, Ruth Arlidge, Vivien Mawson, Shirley Whitehead, Mary-Anne Whitehead, Glenn Dixon, Ian Hoare, Heather Crabb, Karyn Bishop.

6th-7th January. COPPERMINE HUT.

The trip was scheduled to leave at 7:30 a.m. The first member arrived at 7 a.m. and the last at 8.15, and after one father returned with the trip leader's boots we left for our destination. We left the cars and pack floated up the 1 foot deep stream until we gained site of the hut. We went for a leisurely stroll for about 1¼ hours up the right fork of the stream (to find how to get up 100 feet to the hut.) We then had lunch and some went for a dip. It took about ten minutes to get completely wet as the swimming hole was suffering from the efforts of the drought. Due to John's devoted efforts we finally found a track up to the hut which was only a few yards from where we stopped but obliterated by a slip.

The rest of the afternoon was spent vigorously - two building a dam (to enlarge a swimming hole) while two wandered up the stream and two grunted up past the Billygoat turnoff.

In the evening we enjoyed a three course meal which was made by two experienced professors of stewology. After dark one member's interest in the loo was lost as she thought she saw a wild boar (!!!) running up the track. Having been reassured by her boyfriend's confidence in protecting her she disregarded her fears and made the treacherous trek back to the hut.

On Sunday dawn arose slightly before us but we managed to be away from the hut by 9.30. Inspired by the two who had been up on Saturday, we went up on the Billygoat track and onto the farmland. After a short debate we arrived back at the hut in time for a swim and sunbathe before lunch. We left the hut clean and tidy and arrived back at the cars at 2.05. We stopped at Woodville for an ice cream and then home.

Trip members: Shirley Whitehead, Katharine Davy, John Ogilvy, David Smithers, Peter Darragh, Glenn Dixon.

CORRECTION

at the Grande Annual Dinner the Shutterbug Trophy was actually awarded to Tim Short and not Trevor as reported in the last Newsletter. It is believed that he used his prying camera on the Waikaremoana trip.

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