



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

NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,
Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext.871

COMING EVENTS.

19th-23rd April

EASTER TRIP TO COLENZO LAKE, NORTHERN RUAHINES

Kokopunui the Maori called it, Kokopunui meaning plenty of food, as all that the early Maori required for his sustenance are to be found there. The area around here used to be the war track from East to West and the area has relics of this early

time.

Grading: Medium and Fit
Leaving time: 6.00 p.m. Thursday night from the Izadium.
Cost: Approx. \$3.50 Leader: Trevor Stretton, phone 84-925.

19th - ? April. EASTER TRAVERSE OF THE RUAHINES.

It is planned to enter the Eastern Ruahines with the Lake Colenso party and then to travel south as far as time will allow. There will probably be no transport arranged for the return to Palmerston North. The trip will involve both river and tops travel.

Grading: F.E. Depart Izadium: 6.00 p.m. Thursday night.
Cost: Approx. \$3.50 Leader: Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext 871

23rd April. KAPAKAPANUI

A pleasant day trip in the Tararuas from Waikanae to Trig Station of Kapakapanui.

Grading: Easy Depart Izadium: 6:30 a.m. Monday
Cost: \$1.50 Leader: Pauline Gibbons, Opiki 722 or ring

84-925.

26th April. CLUB NIGHT SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL SLIDE COMPETITION.

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club will be held in the Society of Friends' Rooms, 227 College St., at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday 26th April, 1973. The meeting is called to consider a proposal to elect Mr. Owen Jensen of Fielding to life membership. (This matter was on the agenda but was overlooked at the recent Annual General Meeting.)

SLIDE COMPETITION – URGENT

All members are requested to submit slides for the competition immediately. It is unfair to the judge not to allow him a preview so we must get the slides to him several days before Club Night. Please deliver your slides plus entry fee to one of the following:

Russ Johnson, Empire Service Station, Main St.

Heather Crabb, 3 Clyde Crescent.
Kevin Pearce, 378 Botanical Rd. (evenings.)
Do this today or tomorrow – PLEASE.

COLOUR SLIDE COMPETITION RULES. (Revised.)

1. A competitor may enter any number of slides.
2. Each slide must have been taken by the person in whose name it is entered and must carry their name or initials.
3. No slide may have been previously entered in a P.N.T.M.C. competition.
4. All slides must have a definite tramping or mountaineering flavour.
5. There will be 3 classes:
 - a. Flora, Fauna and Natural History
 - b. Tramping, Trampers, portraits & human interest.
 - c. Open – General.
6. A slide may be entered in one class only.
7. Entries close Wednesday night 18th April.
8. Entry fee -- 5 cents for each slide.
9. First, second and third will be awarded in each of the classes – the Judge's decision is final.
10. First winners will receive the two thirds of the entry fees for that class collected for the class and second place winners will receive the balance.
11. To ensure slides are projected the right way around they should be marked on the frame with a spot or large dot on the bottom left corner when held correctly for hand viewing – a felt tipped pen is useful for this.

In past years the slide competition has been one of the highlights of the year. We strongly recommend all members and friends of the Club to enter the competition and to attend the judging.

28th-29th April. TRIANGLE HUT

This trip goes in from our Hut at Rangiwahia, up to Mangahua, then down to the Oroua river, down to Triangle Hut then back to Rangi.

Grading:	Medium	Depart Izadium:	6.00 a.m. Saturday.
Cost:	\$1.50 approx.	Leader:	David Hay, phone 864-83

29th April. RANGIWAHIA

A good trip for all new members to get to know our own Club's Hut in the Ruahines.

Grading:	Easy.	Depart Izadium:	7.00 a.m. Sunday.
Cost:	\$1.50	Leader:	Sue Streeter.
Names to:	Phone 84-925.		

5th-6th May. ROCK CLIMBING – TITAHI BAY

This will be a social introduction to Rock Climbing with some rock climbing, sun bathing (if the weather is right) and a look at the seal colony.

Grading:	Easy	Cost:	\$2.60 approx.
Leader:	Kevin Pearce, 74-129 ext 871 between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. work days, or ring Trevor Stretton, 84-925.		

11th-13th May. NATIONAL PARK.

Mangatapopo hut Friday night, then up on to the craters of Tongariro and cross to Kehetahi Hot springs. This is a very colourful area.

Grading:	Medium & F.E.	Cost:	\$3.50 approx.
Depart Izadium:	6.00 p.m. Friday night.		

16th May. COMMITTEE MEETING.

7.30 p.m. at 28 Carroll St., P.N.

19th-20th TE MATAWAI – GIRDLESTONE SADDLE

Tararua Forest Park trip in from Levin, up the Ohau to Yeates Track, then to the Dora Track and up to Te Matawai. Then down the ridge to Girdleston Saddle. From there down into the Ohau South branch, down to the South Ohau Hut and back out.

Grading: Fit Cost: \$1.00 approx.

Leave Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday. Names to Trevor Stretton, phone 84-925.

20th May. DEERFORD – TUNUPO

Grading: Medium Cost: \$1.00 approx.

Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Sunday. Leader: Pauline Gibbons,
Opiki 722

This is a good trip in to the Ruahines up Deerford Track to Tunupo Peak.

31st May. CLUB NIGHT.

At the Society of Friends' Hall, 227 College St., at 7.30 p.m.

SUPPER DUTIES: Lawson Pither, Ian Hoare, Mararet Holterman Ten Hove.

NOTICES.

The Otago Tramping & Mountaineering Club will be holding celebrations to mark its 50th Anniversary in August. Former members interested in details should write to:

The 50th Anniversary Registrar,
Otago Tramping & Mountaineering Club Inc.,
P.O. Box 1120,
DUNEDIN.

MAPS FOR LOAN

The gear custodian, Trevor Stretton, 28 Carroll St., holds maps of the Tararuas, Ruahines, the Egmont and Tongariro National Parks and the Kaimanawas. These are available on free loan to trip leaders of official Club trips.

HIRE GEAR

This continues to be held at 28 Carroll St. and is available to club members and to non members on club trips at modest rates of hire. Tents, tent flies, ropes, billies, primuses, first aid kits, ice axes, crampons, packs, sleeping bags and parkas are available for loan but must be returned promptly if extra hire charges are to be avoided. Ring 840925 or call on Trevor Stretton for your requirements.

TRIP ACCOUNTS

Trip accounts form an important part of the Club's Newsletter. Trip leaders are requested to ensure that all Club trips are written up either by doing it themselves or by delegating the responsibility. Trip accounts need not be long but should include the names of the participants. Leaders are warned that the editor is not scrupulous when it comes to extracting trip accounts!

LOG BOOK

The Club maintains a log book as a record of its activities and to provide information for trip leaders visiting areas they are unfamiliar with. Log Keeper Karyn Bishop will be soliciting factual information from trip leaders and is particularly interested in times and distances, details of route and of special hazards as well as farmers' names etc. Any person may consult the log book.

PERMITS

All persons entering the Ruahines are required by law to have a permit. These are available free of charge from the N.Z. Forest Service. Trip leaders are responsible for obtaining permits for Club trips and can do so either by calling in person or by ringing the Forest Service and having the permit mailed. To this and plenty of time before the trip.

NEW MEMBER

A welcome this extended to Beryl Kennard, Flat 4, 9 Ada St. P.N.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Kevin Pearce on attaining his Ph.D.

PAST EVENTS

16th-18th February. WINCHCOMBE -- NEILL CROSSING

"You will proceed directly to Cone Hut by the most practical route. You will remain there awaiting further orders." Clear, concise and uncompromising. Why was our trip leaders lawful and reasonable order not obeyed? We will have to wait for the hand are written 1,000 word explanations in triplicate expected from each of the three insubordinates for the answer to this question. The explanations should make entertaining reading since it is quite impossible to become lost between Cone Peak and Cone Hut!

The mutiny occurred when three of the party were sent ahead because the leader, the remaining member of the party and the tent fly were making slow time. When the tent fly arrived at Cone Hut there was no sign of the others and no entry in the heart log book. The deserters finally appeared about 9 o'clock next morning.

The crossing from Otaki Forks to Kaitoke was otherwise uneventful save for a fatal accident near Shannon. Those taking part Owen Robinson, Ian Hoare, Kevin Pearce, Bruce Lockwood and Keith Magrain.

P. S. No huts were used on this weekend -- we camped out every night.

3rd-4th March. Waipakihi River. KAIMANAWAS.

A pathetic turnout of three persons took part on this trip. We travel to the end of the No. 15 access road on Saturday morning and then tramped up the river for four hours to the foot of the Urchin Track where we camped. On Sunday John McFarlane and Keith Magrain went out to the Urchin and Kevin Pearce went back down the river to the car. The car was driven around to the Pillars of Hercules where the party was united.

29th March, 1973. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

39 members and 14 other interested persons attended. The following persons were elected to run things during the coming year:

Patron:	Mr. Owen Jensen
President:	Russell Johnson, phone 87-777 home 78-581 bus.
Vice President:	Adrian Turner, " 89-390 home 77-194 bus.
Secretary:	Kevin Pearce, " 74-129 ext. 871
Treasurer:	Bruce Lockwood, " 75-826.
Auditor:	Mr. R.V. Morgan