

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



## NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,  
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Membership Convenor:  
Heather Crabb, 77-668.

### COMING EVENTS.

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, FIELDS HUT-PENN CREEK

A fit weekend trip.

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, FIELDS HUT

A medium weekend trip.

2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, FIELDS HUT

A Saturday trip.

“ROLL UP, TUMBLE UP, EVERYBODY COME”  
“JOIN THE P.N.T.M.C. & HAVE A LOT OF FUN”

The beginning of a song and the beginning of a new year.

This weekends outing was also the first trip made by our Club and tradition demands that each year we make a pilgrimage to Fields Hut. Tribal customs must not be broken and to settle the ghosts of our forefathers, full support is necessary.

Names to Bruce Lockwood : Phone 75-826 Cost: \$1.90

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY BUSHCRAFT INSTRUCTION COURSE.

It is a quirk of human nature that everyone likes to know more than anyone else. How often have you been made to feel small and insignificant just because you happened to a) build a fire inside a tent – (it was raining) b) go tramping with 2 gallons of milk and a pocket dictionary – but leave your boots and sleeping bag at home. (Julian D.)

This weekend is your opportunity to learn a few little basics so subsequently you can pretend to know a lot.

Leader: John Williams 84-925 Grading: Easy

Cost : \$1.70

13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING.

At John Williams's, 31 Carroll Street, 7:30 p.m.

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY WALLS WHARE -- MT REEVES.

A medium trip entering the Tararua Ranges by Masterson. I understand Mt Reeves is the Wellington Tramping Club's stronghold and as we will be poaching on their territory, I suggest extreme care be taken.

Leader : Glen Osborne 72-520

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY WAIOHINE RIVER.

A long trip down the Waiohine from Otaki to Walls Whare.  
Fitness is essential.

Leader: Keith Margrain 79-302

16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PANATEWAIWAI STREAM.

Leader: Peter Darragh  
Feilding 5633

These three trips have been arranged so transport can (hopefully) be co-ordinated.

Mt Reeves/

Walls Whare - Cost \$2.80

Panatewaiwai - Cost \$1.40

Waiohine - Cost - Going down \$1.70

Coming back from Masterson \$2.60

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY CONE -- HOWLETTS HUT -- MANGAHUIA -- N.Z.D.A. HUT.

A biggish portion of the Ruahines is covered on this trip which will be as long as its name. Incidentally judging by the large number of F.E. trips scheduled and the number of boys that are keen to participate, it seems to me there must be a lot of nagging wives (girlfriends too) around???

Leader: Russ Johnson 87-777

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY CONE -- SHORTS TRACK.

For those that don't feel fit enough to attempt the above trip (or maybe they don't have to escape so far) to climb onto Cone, along the tops and down Shorts Track should not be too difficult.

Leader: Peter Croad 80-284

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY IRON GATES HUT.

For those that aren't fit at all (or are quite happy at home) the easy wander up the Oroua River to Iron Gates Hut is no trouble for children and wives.

Names to: Peter Croad 80-284

COST FOR ALL TRIPS THIS WEEKEND -- \$1.70

IMPORTANT:

Would people please bring the exact money to pay the drivers.

This will be particularly important on the Waiohine Trip.

31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY -- CLUB NIGHT.

At the Society of Friends Church Hall, 227 College Street at 7:30 p.m.

Laurie Kennedy will be showing slides and talking on rock climbing in California -- an area we so far have not been into (yet).

Supper Duties: Karyn Bishop, Glen Osborne, Brad Owen

PETROL SHORTAGE

Would drivers of cars please ensure that they have enough petrol to cover the entire trip -- remember petrol stations as from the 9<sup>th</sup> February are closed Saturday afternoons to Monday mornings.

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NOTICE:

The N.Z. Forest Service has contacted our Club requesting volunteers for High Country Forest Fire Fighting.

Minimum age is 18 and you will be covered by the Workers' Compensation Act in the event of injury or accident.

For further details contact Russell Johnson. Phone 87-777.

GENERAL:

Sleeping-bag for sale. A brown sleeping-bag has been donated to the club to be sold in aid of the club vehicle fund. It will be on view at the club night if not sold before.

Y.H.A. Leader Card. James J. Read now has a Y.H.A. LEADER CARD, so let's make use of it, how about a trip up to Motuopa Youth Hostel on lovely Lake Taupo, with a dip in Turangi's hot pools and a walk in Kaimanawa Forest Park. Or Raurimu Youth Hostel in the Tongariro National Park?

Are you in Y.H.A.? Apart from the use of 47 hostels in this country, you can use those of any Y.H.A. in the world. You get 10% discount on train trips (when used in connection with a recreational activity) and a third off survey maps. Join at any branch of the Bank of New South Wales.

Y.H.A. meets the first Monday of every month at Collinson & Cunningham's staff room (King Street entrance). We'd be pleased to meet you, so why not drop in. The branch also arranges trips to events in places of interest.

Congratulations to all younger members who got School Certificate

If you passed in Geography, you will have no excuse for getting lost, if appointed a leader.

Saw New Year in. We drank the New Year in with Champagne kindly carried by Peter. A sing-song was not heard, due to a protester the previous night unable to appreciate Tim or Pete's mellifluous voices.

PAST TRIPS:

13<sup>th</sup> January TAMAKI WEST STREAM.

The intrepid explorers ploughed through the rain in an effort to reach the Stanfield Hut. One bright member, who has since earned the nickname 'Rubbish Bin' as somehow he could never quite bring himself to refuse any offer of sustenance (always with the words "I won't say no" which drove the rest of the party bonkers). Well, this bright member also having the 'Voice of Doom', thought he had found the right track. The party, who must have taken temporary leave of its senses, actually followed him. It was the wrong track, the fact of which was soon found out by all, hours later. The hut was finally reached only to disturb an intruder (sorry, we were the intruders) from his quiet snooze.

Despite the rain, the stinging nettles, the initiation "ceremony" (?!?!?) of M.C. and the blisters, all had an enjoyable day.

Members: Pauline Gibbons, Pam Dicks, Doreen Coenders, Maryann Coenders, Peter Darragh, Gary Davies, Mark Hindmarsh.

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