



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

NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,
Tim Short, 76-906
Membership Enquiries
Peter Croad, 80-284 (evenings)

COMING EVENTS.

29th AUGUST CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. Thursday in The Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street.

Supper Duties : Peter Croad (tea towels)

Robert Cambell

Karyn Bishop

31st August – 1st SEPTEMBER WAIOPEHU HUT

If you like the bush, and a weekend away from it all then this is THE trip. (Tararuas near Levin)

Leader : Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925

Grading: Easy

Depart : 7.00 a.m. Saturday from the Izadium

Cost : \$1.50

1st SEPTEMBER COPPERMINE -- WHARITE -- MAIN RANGE

Saturday is lawn mowing day, Sunday is tramping day.

Leader : Peter Darragh Phone FG 5633

Grading: Fit

Depart : 6.00 a.m. Sunday from the Izadium

Cost : \$2.00

7th SEPTEMBER ROCK CLIMBING Instruction at Titahi Bay

Part of the club's annual mountaincraft course. Strongly recommended for those who attended Snowcraft 1A or who aspire to Snowcraft 11.

Leader : Kevin Pearce Phone 76-198

Grading: Easy

Depart : 7.00 a.m. Saturday from the Izadium

Cost : \$3.00

8th SEPTEMBER INTERCLUB SPORTS.

We have challenged the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club to a game of soccer, and a game of netball. Details have yet to be finalised, but the soccer match will be at Monrad Park. Please get your names to Keith Margrain, Phone 79-303 if you wish to play. Details of time and place obtainable from Keith. Spectators, and supporters are required.

11th SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

At 378 Botanical Road. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

14-15th SEPTEMBER WALLS WHARE -- CONE PEAK -- TOTARA FLATS

South Eastern Tararuas. You will be dumbfounded by this area -- botanists will go bonkers.

Leader : Martin Speller Phone 81-717
Grading: Medium
Depart : 6.00 a.m. Saturday from the Izadium
Cost : \$3.50

21st-22nd SEPTEMBER SNOWCRAFT 11, MOUNT EGMONT

Advanced snowcraft instruction. An attendance on a previous snowcraft or rock climbing course is NOT necessarily sufficient. Participants must be able to action all that they were shown on their basic instruction course.

Do not rely on using a hut this weekend -- bivvy gear is necessary. Arrange to hire your own iceaxe, and crampons.

Leader : Brad Owen, Phone 83-467
Grading: Fit, previous snowcraft experience necessary
Depart : 6a.m. Saturday from the Izadium
Cost : \$7.00

22nd SEPTEMBER POHANGINA RIVER

A stroll up a pleasant river valley with Ruahine Russ. A picnic.

Leader : Russell Johnson Phone 87-777
Grading: Easy
Depart : 7a.m. Sunday from the Izadium
Cost : \$1.50

26th SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. Thursday, 227 College Street.

28th SEPTEMBER TOKOMARU CROSSING F.E.

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29th SEPTEMBER TOKOMARU STREAM E.

Details of this famous trio of trips next month. Names, and enquiries to Tim Short Phone 76-906.

NOTICES

Search and Rescue Food Requirements

Those who have volunteered for SAR are reminded that food for four persons for one-day is to be carried by each person unless specifically instructed otherwise at the time of call up. This requirement is for breakfasts, and dinners only. Lunches, and scroggin are to be for one person for four days.

This rather complicated arrangement allows a four man team to operate for four days in the field, and greatly simplifies meal preparation. Those who have indicated that they are keen to be called out are expected to have one four-man dinner, and one four-man breakfasts already prepared, and on hand at all times so as to facilitate a rapid turn out at short notice.

SAR volunteers are also reminded to come equipped with full storm gear, camping equipment, and torch on all callouts unless specifically instructed otherwise at the time of call out.

If you wish to volunteer for SAR or if your circumstances or phone number have recently changed, please contact Kevin Pearce, Phone 76-198.

Items for the Newsletter.

The club's newsletter plays, an important part in the club's affairs. It circulates widely and is sent to persons and clubs in many parts of New Zealand. Accounts of past events are an important part of the Newsletter. Trip leaders are responsible for seeing that their trip is written up and submitted to the Editors. (If they fail to do this all sorts of dire consequences are possible -- the Editors have fertile imaginations when it comes to writing fictitious and libelous trip accounts). Trip leaders may also do the job of writing themselves or may delegate the job to a team member. Accounts need not be more than a paragraph length but should include the names of those who took part. Longer trip accounts are acceptable provided they make interesting reading to our despotic Editors.

Please write on one side of the paper only, and take care that your writing is legible. This latter point is particularly relevant to place names, the correct spelling of which may not be known to the typist. "Legible" means able to be read by our myopic and literate Editors.

Search Contacts.

In the event of a party being seriously overdue contact Russ Johnson Phone 87-777 or if no reply Kevin Pearce 76-198 or Trevor Stretton 84-925. Leaders of parties which have been delayed should either notify the parents of one of the party members and have the message relayed to all the relatives involved OR should ring one of the search contacts above.

Please note that the Winter Schedule is to be amended as above.

Farewell Heather.

Heather Crabb, former secretary, editor, typist, search contact, and general rouseabout has left our fair shores for a 6 month holiday abroad. Four different people are now doing for the club what Heather used to do on her own! Amazing!

New Member

Welcome:- Dave Perry, 57 Haydon Street, Palmerston North.

Blue Range Trip 3-4th August

The committee has set the cost of this trip at \$3.00. Please pay the Treasurer or trip leader pronto.

Deadlines for trips

Names should be given to the leader as early as possible and always before the Wednesday night preceding the trip. This is necessary to allow the leader to make arrangements concerning transport and accommodation.

Generally names should not be withdrawn after Wednesday night unless you have a pressing reason. The leader must be notified if you cannot make it -- do not leave your mates hanging around waiting for you if you have no intention of coming.

Phone Number Correction

Important please amend your Trip Schedule Card (front cover) to show Tim Short's phone number as 76-906.

Leaders for Easter Trips

Club membership brings privileges and responsibilities. The more experienced Club Members are asked to show willing when requested to lead an occasional easy trip. One such trip a year would be sufficient if all cooperate.

PAST EVENTS

The Reform of Brad Owen Tongariro 13-14th July

Only three out of seven made this trip due to work, the (too) common cold and cetera. However the survivors were startled by the transformation that has overtaken Brad who (1) was on time (2) was fit (3) had his name painted on his pack (4) had volume lines painted on his billy (5) has four days food packed away in the refrigerator at home ready for a SAR alert (6) has his ice axe identified with paint.

We motored to Mangatepopo but did not stop in the new hut. We continued on to Ketetahi via South Crater and Red Crater. It was icy, very windy, misty, and cold, it proved necessary to cut steps on practically flat surfaces to prevent progress in the direction of the wind. We arrived at Ketetahi encrusted with ice to be greeted by the insult – "Have you just come up?".

On Sunday we sidled the slopes of Tongariro to the Mangatepopo Valley and thence home. Those taking part were Kevin Pearce, Brad Owen and Trevor Bissell.

10-11th August Otaki Forks -- Winchcombe -- Neill -- Cone -- Alpha -- Otaki Forks

It should be sufficient to say that the trip went as planned. The leader excelled as usual in the provision of fine weather. No fixed ?? were the used for accommodation. Tim's price is \$17.00 and it is very cold apparently, swimming in the Tauherenikau? this time of year. Toyota's can be prized open with ice axes, and elephants do fly south for winter.

For a more detailed report of the trip contact any one of the following. Keith Margrain, Kevin Pearce, Tim Short, Dave Perry, Glenn Dixon and Trevor Bissell.

Arete Forks and Glaciation 27-28th July

The black dotted line on the map seemed rather unlikely. It indicated that the track followed the stream bed closely. A route up a spur seemed a much more likely prospect in view of the well known steep and gorgy nature of the streams draining the Tararua Tops.

We waded the river opposite the hut with some difficulty, using mutual support and then crossed Arete Stream, also with difficulty. The track soon left Arete Stream and did indeed follow close to the side stream. The going was good. Soon we were in wonderland. The nights rain had reduced snow cover but there was still sufficient left to give a real alpine character to the small glacial valley we were ascending. The steep slopes and cliffs under Bannister streamed with water, Fiordland like. We crossed moraine and even an avalanche track through the scrub (probably 2 years old). Were we really in the Tararuas? The track through the scrub was excellent and soon we were mounting a tussock ramp to the saddle between Bannister and Waingawa.

The drag back along Blue Range was rather an anticlimax. Those taking part in this Kiriwhakapapa -- Cow Creek Hut -- Arete Forks -- Waingawa -- Kiriwhakapapa -- were Kevin Pearce, Trevor Bissell, Tim Short and Keith Margrain.