



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

NEWSLETTER

1/75

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COMING EVENTS.

25th-26th JANUARY BUSHCRAFT – RANGIWAHIA

As mentioned in last month's newsletter. All new members are urged to attend this course in bushcraft techniques.

Names to, Russell Johnston Phone 87-777

Cost : \$1.50 Approx.

Grading: Easy

Depart : 7.00 a.m. Izadium

26th JANUARY BUSHCRAFT – RANGIWAHIA

For those who can't make the weekend trip.

Names to Peter Croad Phone 80-284

Cost : 41.50 Approx.

Grading: Easy

Depart : 6.30 a.m. Izadium

30th JANUARY CLUB NIGHT

An informal gathering of the clan at 7.30 p.m. Thursday, The Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street. Those with slides (Xmas trips and others) should bring them.

Supper duties: Kevin Pearce (tea towels)

Mark Hindmarsh

Mark Bell

1st FEBRUARY RIVER CROSSING INSTRUCTION – OTAKI FORKS

A useful follow up to the bushcraft course.

Names to Ian Hoare Phone 83-448

Cost : \$2.00 Approx.

Grading: Easy

Depart : 6.30 a.m. Izadium

2nd FEBRUARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE - FIELDS HUT

This trip in the southern Tararuas is an annual one as Field's was the first club trip.

Names to Ian Hoare Phone 83-448

Cost : \$2.00 Approx.

Grading: Medium

Depart : 7.00 a.m. Izadium

1st-2nd FEBRUARY RIVER CROSSING INSTRUCTION – PILGRIMAGE COMBINED

A chance for those wanting a weekend trip and don't wish to miss the river crossing instruction.

Names to Ian Hoare Phone 83-448

Cost : \$2.00 Approx.

Grading: Medium

Depart : 7.00 a.m. Izadium

8th-9th FEBRUARY MANGAHAO – FULL WAIOHINE RIVER

A trip for the fitter types who enjoy water. Come, see the Waiohine Gorge at close quarters.

Names to Ian Hoare Phone 83-448

Cost : \$3.00 Approx.

Grading: Fitness Essential

Depart : 6.30 p.m. FRIDAY Izadium

8th-9th FEBRUARY WAIOHINE GORGE

The first "gorge" trip of the year. Join the F.E.s at Mid Waiohine and have a taste of "pack floating" for future gorge trips.

Names to Ian Hoare Phone 83-448

Cost : \$2.80 Approx.

Grading: Fit

Depart : 6.30 a.m. Izadium

15th FEBRUARY KAPITI ISLAND – BARBEQUE

It is hoped a trip can be arranged to Kapiti and barbecue on one of the beaches en route home.

Names to, and details Karyn Bishop Phone 84-925

16th FEBRUARY BURNS HUT

This new hut is near the Mangahao Dams behind Shannon.

Names to Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925

Cost : \$1.00 Aprox.

Grading: Medium

Depart : 7.00 p.m. Izadium

19th FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

At Peter Croad's 79 Churchill Avenue, 7.30 p.m.

22nd-23rd FEBRUARY WGTN ASSOC. TRAMPING CLUBS SPORTS WEEKEND.

This weekend organized by the Wellington clubs caters for many different fields of endeavour. It is hoped we may enter a team in the "marathon" on Sunday. Volunteers are asked to ring Trevor Bissell 71-955 for details.

22nd-23rd & 23rd FEBRUARY RANGIWAHIA

The club hut and track to it, requires maintenance, so please support these trips. Many hands make light work. It is hoped novalsite roofing will be available to provide more light inside the hut.

Names to, and details from Ian Hoare Phone 83-448
Cost : \$1.50 Approx.
Grading: Easy
Depart : 7.00 a.m. Izadium each day

GENERAL

KEEP IT FREE

Before departing to see Uncle Sam and the Land of Poms, I'd like to say goodbye to the many friends I've made in P.N.T.M.C., over the last 2½ years. I intend to return in July '75 if all is well. May I wish all a very happy New Year. May I also invite you to a barbecue the date of which will be Saturday 19th July. (Provisional), to see you all again on my return to P.N. I'm hoping that the N.Z. Deerstalkers will kindly allow us to use their hut again on that weekend, as the previous barbecue I held there was seemingly enjoyed by all. A later newsletter will confirm details, which will be made by the committee. I'll provide the sausages if you'll provide the mouths.

From James Read

PAST TRIPS

15th-17th NOVEMBER KAIMANAWAS

We left P.N. in pouring rain, by the time we reached our destination the weather had cleared, which made tramping up the Waipakihi River very pleasant.

As planned we met up with the fitter members of the club, who had traveled over the tops by way of Urchin. A number of both parties were then able to make a round trip.

Both groups were so impressed by the area that further trips were planned for The New Year.

Taking part:- Ann Clarke, Mary-Ann whitehead, Pam Dicks, Bill Griffiths, Trevor Stretton, and James Read.

31st DECEMBER – 5th JANUARY KAIMANAWAS

After being misled (see Mr. Hoare) the two car loads met to celebrate New Years Eve in the middle of the Desert Road, with the rain pouring down. We huddled under a fly, and without a corkscrew, we finally managed to force the cork with a screwdriver into the bottle. There we sat celebrating New Years Eve with two paper hats each, and two mugs (not each between the six of us).

First Day dawned, a bright and brilliant morning, we started out for Urchin, with wonderful views, which gave many chances for photographs. We dropped into the Waipakihi River for a refreshing swim and selected a suitable campsite beside the river.

Second Day. We meandered upstream from one swimming hole to another eventually reaching our accommodation at Waipakihi Hut.

Third Day. Woken by a continual buzzing sound, later realizing that they were blow-flies, thousands of the things, bombarding every object within 50 yards of the hut.

After climbing endless peaks, we finally made Junction top, which is a 5000 footer. On route we could hear the sound of water, we dropped down to find pleasant moss covered ground, with fresh underground water pouring forth.

We then set out on an adventure into the unknown, commonly known as bush bashing, arriving back to the hut from the head waters of Waipakihi River, only to find our fellow comrades had piked out to the pub.

Owing to good luck of other hut dwellers we were fortunate to dine on fresh venison steaks.

A visit was made by the Forest Rangers in a helicopter, we declined a lift out.

Fourth Day. Another beautiful day and much indecision as to which route to take. We decided to take to the tops after being informed of an abundance of water at Umukarikari. We tramped across the tops admiring the exquisite views of the central North Island, dropped down to the scrub line, we proceeded to make camp and build a BATH. We took turns to wash hair, beards and other objects!!!

Fifth Day. 1½ hours from the River, a short sweet morning's tramp down hill and all still in good spirits and looking forward to a dip in Lake Taupo.

The adventurers; Christine Batt, Mary-Ann Whitehead, Mary Ryder, Pam Dicks, Trevor Stretton, and Julian Dalefield.

29th DECEMBER COPPERMINE

A pleasant day trip to Coppermine Creek in sweltering summer weather was led by Stuart McLachlan. All were sweating profusely all day, especially our leader who had needed to employ what can euphemistically be termed 'an original way' of assembling the trip gear.

It was Stuart's first trip as leader and all hope his future trips will be as enjoyable.

After an easy walk up to Coppermine Creek Hut, some decided to go and look for Coppermine under Ian's leadership, whilst others headed for Billygoat Creek under Stuart's. In the latter's party were Julian, James, Kim and Peter. Julian has learned by experience now not to do battle with trees, but we hope his cut snout is not too sore for too long. We all looked with interest at times given on two notices on the track relating to the time taken to travel between Coppermine and Billygoat, members assume that the erectors did the timing whilst traveling either on the winner of the Melbourne Cup, or a racing camel! Seriously folk, it seemed a bit on the optimistic side for all but the fittest. On entering Coppermine Hut, there was a most offensive smell of rotten food – we removed the source to outside. In the heat of summer, opened tins of food will soon go bad, so please NEVER leave them in a hut. Apart from this, they are a source of food poisoning.

Participating in the trip were:- Stuart McLachlan (Leader), Martin Speller, John Valentine, Doreen Coenders, Peter Edwards, Kim McKay, Pam Dicks, Julian Dalefield, Keith Margain, Ian Hoare, Glenn Dixon, and James Read who wrote this report.

1st DECEMBER RAFT RACE

Weather: Partly cloudy, scattered showers in the morning ? towards the evening.
Estimated highest temperature 19 degrees centigrade.

Location: Manawatu River between Staces Road and Fitzherbert Bridge.

Hydrological Conditions: Mean flow 30 cu secs, clear.

Vessel: 8 man craft.

Construction: 10 nails, 27 2.8 gallon frozen egg tins, 8 Perrelli Jones radial tubes, 6 metres 3 centimeters nylon tape, 2 broom handles, and 1 screw.

Starting Time: 2.00 p.m.

Finishing Time: 3.30 p.m.

Unofficial Place: 9th

Crew: 8 P.N.T.M.C. members. (all males)

Level of enjoyment: Not measured.