



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

## NEWSLETTER

5/75

Hon. Secretary,  
Trevor Bissell, 71-955  
Membership Enquiries  
Peter Croad, 80-284 (evenings)

### COMING EVENTS

#### 24-25<sup>th</sup> MAY BLUE RANGE – RUAMAHANGA RIVER

The eastern Tararuas are somewhat drier than the western and this means that not only is the bush better but there is also more sunshine.

Leader : Martin Speller, Phone 81-717

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$2.50

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

#### 24-25<sup>th</sup> MAY ROARING STAG LODGE

The Ruamahanga is a particularly attractive valley. Come Alive for the weekend with the P.N.T.M.C!

Leader : Tim Short, Phone 76-906

Grading: Easy

Cost : \$2.50

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> MAY ROARING STAG LODGE

A version of the above suited to those who have lawns to mow or sport to play.

Leader : Ann Hayman Phone 73-991

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$2.00

Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> MAY CLUB NIGHT

Want to become a subterranean mountaineer, one who climbs down instead of up?

Come along at 7.30 p.m. to the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, and see and hear at first hand from Bruce Harding what those spelaelogists do deep beneath the surface of the earth.

Set aside the 7<sup>th</sup> June for a trip down the Makuri Caves with the local rock caving enthusiasts.

See the trip list for details.

Supper Duties: Pam Dicks  
Stuart McLachlan  
Ross Meder

30<sup>th</sup> MAY-3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE BANNISTER CROSSING

One of the more difficult crossings of the Tararuas. There could be snow.

Leader : Kevin Pearce, Phone 76-198  
Grading: Fitness Essential  
Cost : \$2.00 - \$4.00  
Depart : 6.30 p.m. FRIDAY

1-2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE PUTARA HUT

This comfortable little hut is within easy striking distance of the open tops yet it is not too far from the road end.

Leader : Pam Dicks Phone 299-738  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$2.00  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 7.00 a.m. SUNDAY

7<sup>th</sup> JUNE MAKURI CAVES

An interesting excursion down caves at Makuri near Eketahuna with the local rock caving enthusiasts. It is rumoured that a rope ladder climb will be necessary.

You will require:-

A hard hat.  
A torch on a loop to hang from the neck.  
3" of candle and matches in a waterproof container.  
A boilersuit or overalls, and dry clothing to go home in.

Leader : Bruce Harding

Names to Trevor Bissell Phone 71-955 by Tuesday

3<sup>rd</sup> so that a sufficient number of Bruce's flock may be arranged to escort the party.

Cost : \$2.00 including 20 cents gear hire for the rock caving club.  
Grading: Easy

7-8<sup>th</sup> JUNE KAPAKAPANUI – OTAKI FORKS

A chance to get off the beaten track. Come prepared for camping.

Leader : Tim Short Phone 76-906  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$3.00  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

8<sup>th</sup> JUNE NGATIAWA – KAPAKAPANUI

A chance to dry out after Saturday's activities.

Leader : Tim Short Phone 76-906  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$3.00  
Depart : Super Save Car Par 6.00 a.m. SUNDAY

12<sup>th</sup> JUNE COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. at Kevin Pearce's, Flat 1, 378 Botanical road.

14-15<sup>th</sup> JUNE RUAPEHU WITH MASSEY ALPINE CLUB

Last year we had a most enjoyable joint trip and Gourmet Dinner with our friends from Massey at Totara Flats in the Tararuas. This year we are invited to join Massey at their hut on Mount Ruapehu. Names must be in by Wednesday night, 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Names to Kevin Pearce Phone 76-198  
Grading: Easy, Medium and Fit  
Cost : \$5.00 depending on party food purchases.  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m. Saturday.  
(It is possible that one car may also leave early Saturday afternoon.)

21-22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE MID WINTER AT RANGI

Celebrate the winter solstice at the Club's one-and-only hut, "Rangi". You can hardly call yourself a proper Club member until you have been to Rangi and who wants to be improper?

Leader : Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$1.50  
Depart : Super Save Car Park, 7.00 a.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE MID WINTER AT RANGI

The sun is furthest from the equator on or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> June so why don't you get further from Palmerston North this day?

Leader : Trevor Stretton Phone 84-925  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$1.50  
Depart : Super Save Car Park, 7.00 a.m.

26<sup>th</sup> JUNE MIKIMIKI – MITRE FLATS

A new area for the Club. Join Trevor's merry band.

Leader : Trevor Bissell Phone 71-955  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$2.50  
Depart : Super Save Car Park 6.00 a.m.

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GENERAL

Photographic Competition Results

Novice

Prints:-	General	Vivian Mawson	
	Flora & Fauna	Vivian Mawson	
	People	Vivian Mawson	
Slides:-	General	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	
		John Williams	
	Flora & Flora	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
		John Williams	
	People	1 <sup>st</sup> .	Trevor Bissell
		2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Eric Short
3 <sup>rd</sup> .		Stuart McLachlan	

Veteran

Prints:-	General	Peter Croad	
	People	Peter Croad	
Slides:-	General	1 <sup>st</sup> .	Kevin Pearce
		2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Mary Ann Whitehead
		3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Trevor Stretton
	Flora & Fauna	1 <sup>st</sup> .	Trevor Stretton
		2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Mary Ann Whitehead
		3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Peter Croad
	People	1 <sup>st</sup> .	Trevor Stretton
		2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Peter Croad
		3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Trevor Stretton

If anyone has some prints or slides suitable for printing that would enhance the clubs photo album please contact Martin Speller Phone 81-717.

Note

Error in Winter Trip Schedule.  
Ann Hayman's phone number is 73-991 (as if you didn't know).

News from members down south a bit.  
Russ Lacey met Bruce Watson in Reefton recently where Bruce is forming a tramping club.  
We wish him luck in his attempt to civilise that region of our colony.

Bruce sends his regards to all in the homeland.

Members are reminded again to collect trip lists from the Police Station after trips.  
This is a valuable service that the club does not wish to abuse.

New Members

The Club welcomes the following members:-  
Janet Maessen 436 Church Street, Palmerston North.  
Kathleen (Kathy) Hindmarsh 374 Botanical Road, Palmerston North Phone 77-877

Bridge Washout

Colenso Trampers beware !  
The bridge over the Makaroro above Waipawa has been washed out a replacement is not planned at present.

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Missing – Borrowed

Kevin Pearce is missing a copy of 'Mountain Search and Rescue in New Zealand' by L.D. Bridge. It is a small hardback book, green in colour. If you have this Kevin would be pleased to get it back.

Volunteers for Search and Rescue

The following persons are listed in our records.  
T. Bissell, M. Bell, P. Croad, P. Dicks, P. Darragh, G. Dixon, J. Dalefield, P. Gibbons, L. Kennedy, B. Lockwood, K. Margrain, R. Mills, S. McLachlan, J. Newton, B. Owen, K. Pearce, K. Potter, T. Short, M. Speller, T. Stretton, J. Valentine, R. Wilson, J. Williams, M. Whitehead.  
If your name is not on the list and you think it should be then it could be that you have not returned a S.A.R. form. Please contact Kevin Pearce if you have not already done so.

PAST EVENTS

Anzac Middle Crossing

There were ten names on the list so we divided into two parties, the A party under the leadership of 'Gun' Pearce and the B party under the guidance of 'Tim the Great'. We swapped cars, the A party headed for Mitre Flats and the B party made for Otaki Forks. The weather was not very good, especially on the tops.

A little below the summit of Mitre Peak two of the A party decided to return to Masterson as they were finding the pace a little fast. The remnants of the party continued on to Dorset Ridge Hut. Meanwhile the B party were grinding up onto Shoulder Knob where they eventually camped. Snow fall during the night made things uncomfortable and caused the retreat of the party on Saturday.

Saturday night saw the A party remnants at Nichols Hut and the sodden B party at Waitewaewae Hut. Reunion occurred at Waitewaewae on Sunday morning and after much driving and train trips all cars and people eventually reached home.

Those taking part were:- Lawson Pither, Brad Owen, Ross Meder, Kevin Pearce, Trevor Bissell, Tim Short, Glen Dixon, John Williams, Peter Croad, Kathy Hindmarsh.

19-20<sup>th</sup> APRIL MITRE HOLDSWORTH

An hour at Trevor and Mary Ann's engagement party, a drive to Holdsworth Lodge and a night tramp up to Powell Hut left one (or four) rather tired.

Saturday was no test of the parties navigation skill. On this cloudless day Holdsworth, Twinbo, Angle Knob, etc., etc.,..., Girdlestone passed beneath four pairs of boots and by 3.30 p.m. the party was happily installed in Dorset Ridge Hut.

Better navigation weather on Sunday necessitated the use of map and compass of the Girdlestone, Brocket and Mitre. The walk from Mitre Flats over Pinnacle Ridge to the Atiwhakatu stream required more map reading.

After that interlude the only real problem was the location of a good fish and chip shop.

Party:- Trevor Bissell, Robert Campbell, Peter Darragh and Mark Hindmarsh

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