



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

NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,
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COMING EVENTS

24th February CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. at the Society of Friend's Hall, 227 College St., Palmerston North.

Kevin Pearce will show slides of his venture into North America last year.

SUPPER DUTIES: Ian Hoare, Anne Flux, Peter Hanratty.

26th-27th February RANGIWAHIA WORK PARTY

27th FEBRUARY WORK PARTY

Come and have fun while doing your bit for our own little home in the hills. Work to be done over the coming year will be assessed and the hut prepared for the winter. Firewood will need to be cut and stacked this weekend.

Names to:	Heather Crabb, 77-668
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$3.00
Depart Supersave:	6.00 a.m. both days.

5th-6th March SOUTHERN CROSSING

This classic route across the Southern Taranaki traverses that region's highest peak – Mt. Hector (5016 ft.) Commencing at Otaki Forks and ending at Kaitoke (or thereabouts) this trip should be of great value. Storm gear essential.

Leader:	Kevin Pearce, Ph 83-467
Grading:	Fitness Essential
Cost:	\$6.00 approx.
Depart Supersave Car Park	6.30 p.m. Friday.

5th-6th March TAUHERENIKAU RIVER – CONE HUT

This should be an enjoyable splash up one of the Tararua's most popular valleys. Come, hear some of the stories told of this shady resting place.

Names to:	Kevin Pearce, Ph 83-467
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$4.50 approx.
Depart Supersave Car Park:	6.30 a.m.

6th March TANGIMOANA – HIMATANGI

This troll along the beach will suit those of us with a sunny disposition – or is it lazy? Anyway a good time is assured. Further details from Karyn.

Leader:	Karyn Bishop, Ph. 84-925.
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$2.00 Approx.
Depart Supersave Car Park:	See end of Newsletter.

12th-13th March

14th March COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. at Trevor Bissell's Flat 1, 378 botanical Rd., Palmerston North.

19th-20th March RANGIWAHIA – HOWLETTS CROSSING

Join Peter and cross the mighty hills to the north of us. Good views, good company and good memories are assured. Those who participate should take full storm gear – parka, overtrou etc.

Leader:	Peter Darragh, Ph. Fg. 5633.
Grading:	Fitness Essential.
Cost:	\$6.00 approx.
Depart Supersave:	6.30 p.m. Friday.

19th-20th March HOWLETTS HUT

This hut sits atop the Ruahine main range. It should (hopefully) provide good views and a well earned rest for the fitter types on their migration across the tops.

Leader:	Peter Darragh, Ph. Fg. 5633.
Grading:	Fit
Cost:	\$4.00 approx.
Depart Supersave:	6.30 a.m.

20th March TUKITUKI RIVER

A chance for the day trippers to witness the last leg of the 'fitties' journey. This eastern Ruahine valley is both beautiful and remote. Come and see for yourself.

Leader:	Peter Darragh, Ph. Fg. 5633.
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$4.00 approx.
Depart Supersave:	6.30 a.m.

26th-27th OHAU – CARKEEK RIDGE – WAITEWAEWAE

Join Trevor on a Tararua trip which will test your stamina and also perhaps your navigational skills. This trip starts from beyond Levin and finishes (after much wanderings) at Otaki Forks. Good fitness and storm gear will be necessary.

Leader:	Trevor Bissell, Ph. 68-644
Grading:	Fitness Essential
Cost:	\$4.50 Approx.
Depart Supersave:	6.30 p.m. Friday.

<u>26th-27th March</u>	<u>WAITEWAEWAE</u>	<u>Easy</u>
<u>27th</u>	<u>WAITEWAEWAE</u>	<u>Med.</u>

These two trips provide a chance to see the hydro threatened beauty which exists in this Western Tararua valley beyond Otaki. Come and see this valley while you still can. You will see why it is essential to preserve its natural splendour.

Leader:	Trevor Bissell, Ph. 68-644
Grading:	As above.
Cost:	\$3.00 Approx.
Depart Supersave:	6.30 a.m.

31st March ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering club will be held on 31st March, 1977 at 7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friend's Church Hall, 227 College Street, Palmerston North. Nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, not less than five committee members and Patron are required. A nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter. Nominations are to be handed to the Secretary before 7.30 p.m. on 31st March. Proposer, seconder and nominee must all be full members of the club, i.e. have had their applications for membership approved by the Committee.

NOTICES:

T SHIRTS

Would you like your T Shirt screen printed with the Tramping Club emblem? For enquiries ring Janet Maesson, 73-421.

PAST TRIPS

15th-16th January COPPERMINE HUT – WHARITE – BILLY GOAT CREEK

Initiated by a late start, two apologetic females and three new members, Glenn's car took us along Beagley Rd. to Coppermine Creek, leaving behind the grey weather of the Manawatu for the blue skies of the Wairarapa.

Under Glenn's leadership we trailed our way up to the hut, splashing back and forth through the creek, through long foxgloves and yellow buttercups, while that contented feeling as one winds into the hills crept through us. Reaching the hut meant relaxing with each other and each other's habits. Cups of coffee in the peaceful sun (a cigarette or three for Glenn) and a few words set the tone for the whole trip. That was one of many stops and sleeps in the sun. It also introduced us to our hutmates.

By 11.00 a.m. we were on our way up to Wharite. We arrived at the top battling a very strong westerly at about 1.00 p.m. No place to stop so down we went a little for lunch; and back down to the creek by 4.00 p.m.

After a further blissful soak-up in the sun, Bruce, Annette and Carol left to find the Coppermine, forgetting we would require a torch. No matter, it was just a pleasant exploring further up the creek.

Next day we waited for the Day Trippers: no hurry!

Anne Flux joined us and we headed off to Billy Goat Creek. Anne discovered that to sit on an ant's nest is not a comfortable experience!

As we had promised Heather to be back at the hut by 3.00 p.m. and did not relish the thought of returning the way we had come, there was a unanimous decision to travel down the creek, then walk back across the farmland over the hills. This proved very worthwhile, although it was a little further than anticipated. The view up to Hawkes' Bay, the warmth and the strong wind all contributed so that we returned to Heather feeling it had been a most successful day.

Those participating: Glenn Osborne, Carol Nash, Bruce Stout, Annette Freeman, and joined by Anne Flux.

6th January COPPERMINE CREEK

One of the main requirements for a trip leader is to be on time. Well, our leader this time barely made it. Due to leave the Supersave Car Park at 7.00 a.m. she was woken at 10 to 7 by Helen banging at the door. Anne and Margaret being picked up from the Supersave and Wendy from her home, instant breakfast all round, we crammed ourselves into the Mazda, even in the boot, and set off for Coppermine Creek. There we met Glenn Osborne and his party. After a brew Anne joined the week-enders to go over to Billygoat Creek and rest of us wandered up the river to see what is left from the Coppermining days, a little bit of ironmongery and a shaft. We baked in the sun up at the waterfall and hunted for signs of copper.

Those on the trip were: Anne Flux, Margaret McKenzie, Helen Coutts, Wendy Tunnicliffe, Heather, Maire and Don Crabb.

30th January FIELD'S HUT – ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Grey skies, mist, drizzle, mud, bogs – everyone agreed these didn't make a bit of difference anyway. We all enjoyed the trip up to Field's. There was no water there and when I arrived the rest of the party were lined up all holding out their mugs to catch the rain and one enterprising member scooping up rainwater from the roof. We had enough to boil the billy twice.

While we were finishing our lunch Ian and Glenn appeared from out of the mist and after being fed and watered set off down the track after a certain lady who, being cold, started first.

Near the cars we were nearly trampled underfoot by two more of the exhibitionist weekenders.

Trip members: John Carter, Heather Crabb, Julie Stout, Bruce Stout, Jan Simmons, Carol Nash, Annette Freeman, Roy Weaver, Jenny Barclay.

5th-6th February CATTLE CREEK – TAMAKI CROSSING

Early on Saturday, February 5th, our party put on boots, swung packs onto backs and headed up the Pohangina River. The sun was shining and all went well until we reached some rather deep pools. When Viv., our leader, took an unscheduled swim crossing the river, it became clear an alternative route would have to be followed as our packs were not waterproofed for the occasion. After bashing up the bank we got onto the track, picked our

way across a perilous slip, and down again into the river bed where we all swam in a crocodile infested pool.

After a lunch stop and a brief visit to Mid Pohangina Hut those who didn't know what stinging nettle looked like soon found out on the way over the low ridge to Cattle Creek.

Travelling on up Cattle Creek we reached the place on the map where the hut should be – yet another map error. Half an hour upstream was the hut. The fly was pitched outside and a fire lit to cook a large billy of Dehy. A few fresh veggies were added amidst cries from some "Food value isn't important!" Then followed jelly and stewed apples. A mysterious noise in a billy over the fire, poppop....pop.... proved to be popcorn which was quickly demolished. After a few songs everyone retired to the pit. Those who were going to sleep under the stars were driven into the hut and under the fly by a few spits of rain. But no real rain fell, and the rest of the night was clear and calm.

We were rudely awakened by Ian's haka to commemorate N.Z. Day. Viv. began to cook sago and apricots on the primus when we heard Ooh! Aah! -----! As the billy rolled to the ground. It was scooped up, museli added to disguise wood chips and a scrummy breakfast was had by all.

The party set off upstream over the saddle to Stanfield Hut where we met with the day trippers. Three of us climbed up to the ridge for the view. When they returned, after another popcorn session and perked coffee brew we took a leisurely stroll down river. We swam in the dam and were tormented by sandflies until at last, the chauffer arrived.

Those on the trip were Viv. Mawson, Ian Hoare, Bruce and Alan Parker, Philip Budding, Carol Nash, Anne Flux and Jan Simmons.

6th February WEST TAMAKI RIVER DAY TRIP

The 6th of February turned out to be one of those rare summer days with blue skies and no wind, so we set off from the Tamaki rest area in good cheer.

The river was only ankle deep so we made good time in reaching the Stanfield Hut. Leaving Heather to bask in the sun by the Hut, the others took to the hills for a steep but rewarding climb. After arriving back at the hut (the weekend party had arrived by then) we had lunch before setting off to give Ian Hoare a lift to Pohangina so that he could pick up the van before driving back to the Tamaki River to retrieve the weekenders.

On the way back we stopped at the Raumai Bridge for a lovely swim in tepid water.

Those on the trip were: Heather Crabb, John Carter, Mike Sullivan and Harry and Eric Verwey,

9th January OHAU

Two persons, one medium fit and the other not so fit, who smokes too much but who shall remain nameless, tramped at a leisurely pace to North Ohau Hut. Here we had a brief stop and then onwards, stopping half way to South Ohau for lunch. After a spell of sunbathing and chit-chat they returned to North Ohau where Glenn had a swim and Anne only watched. On the way home both trampers agreed it had been a very enjoyable tramp and both vowed to become fitter – perhaps one could cut down on smoking!

Those on this easy sojourn: Anne Flux, Glenn Osborne.

COMING TRIP

<u>12th-13th March</u>	<u>NGAURUHOE ROUNDABOUTS</u>	<u>F.E.</u>	Names to John Carter,
	TONGARIRO – KETETAHI		M. 74-344
	KETETAHI		E. Gradings as above.
	Cost: \$5.50 approx.		Depart Supersave 6 a.m.

The journey into the Tongariro National Park all parties will converge on Ketetahi Hut on Sat. morning. From there trips will be arranged including direct climbs of Tongariro & Ngauruhoe.

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TRIP SCHEDULE – MARCH –MAY

MARCH

5 th -6 th	Southern Crossing	Fit	83-467
	Tauherenikau River-Cone Hut	Medium	
6 th	Tangimoana – Himitangi	Easy	84-925
12 th -13 th	Ngauruhoe Roundabouts	F.E.	74-344
	Tongariro Ketetahi	Medium	
	Ketetahi	Easy	
19 th -20 th	Rangiwahia-Howletts Crossing	F.E.	5633 Fg.
	Howletts Hut	Fit	
20 th	Tukituki River	Easy	
26 th -27 th	Ohau-Carceek Ridge-Waitewaewae	F.E.	68-644
	Waitewaewae	Easy	
27 th	Waitewaewae	Medium	

APRIL

2 nd -3 rd	Ngamoko Range	Fit	
	Iron Gates Hut	Medium	
3 rd	Ohau River-Heritage Lodge	Easy	

EASTER

8 th -9 th -10 th -11 th	Egmont – Round the Mountain	Medium	
	Girdlestone Saddle-Avalanche Flats	Medium	
10 th -11 th	Ohau River	Easy	
11 th	Full Waingawa River	F.E.	
16 th -17 th	Blue Range-Waingawa River	Fit	
17 th	Blue Range	Easy	

ANZAC WEEKEND

23 rd -24 th -25 th	Hikurangi Range-Waikamaka-Mokai Patea	F.E.	
	Armstrong-Waipawa Saddle	Medium	

May

30 th -1 st	Rockclimbing Instruction Titahi Bay-Baring Head		
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7 th -8 th	Roaring Stag Lodge-Ruamahanga River	Fit	
8 th	Roaring Stag Lodge	Medium	
14 th -15 th	Sawtooth Ridge-Hinerua	F.E.	
	Hinerua Hut	Medium	
21 st -22 nd	Holdsworth-Mitre	F.E.	
	Mitre Flats	Medium	
28 th -29 th	Purity Hut-Kelly Night Campsite	Medium	
29 th	Purity Hut	Easy	