



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
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NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

ALL TRAMPING TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE SUPERSAVE CAR PARK, FIZHERBERT AVE.
29th September CLUB NIGHT: NELSON LAKES PREVIEW

This year's Christmas trip is to visit Nelson Lakes National Park. A number of our lucky members who have already been there will be showing slides and describing this truly delightful area.

7.30 p.m. Thursday, in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, Palmerston North. All interested persons are invited to attend.

SUPPER DUTIES: Peter Croad, Karyn Bishop, Philip Beech.

30th September – 2nd October DISTRICT SAREX

Those taking part have already been advised – sorry, no further vacancies. If you are on Russ Johnson's list and find that you can't attend for any reason you must notify Russ promptly, ph. 87-777.

2nd October NORTH BRANCH OHAU RIVER

As most of the 'fitties' will be required for the search exercise a trip has been set down for the rest of us.

Names to:	Peter Darragh, ph 5633 Fldg.
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$1.50
Depart:	7.00 a.m.

6th October COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. Thursday at John Williams, 36 Frederick St. (off Fitzroy Street, near Memorial Park.)

8th – 9th October TITAHU BAY

This will be a trip for all, but primarily to get some climbing done. So come along with plenty of liquids and sticking plasters.

Names to:	Lawson Pither, Ph 73-033
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$2.50 Approx.
Depart:	7.00 a.m. Saturday.

8th October MANGONE - WAIKANAE

A nice trip for those less lazy ones among us.

Names to:	Lawson Pither, Ph 73-033
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$2.50 Approx.
Depart:	7.00 a.m. Saturday.

14th – 16th October CRAZY MIDDLE CROSSING

This will be a classic type which will be done in an unusual way.

Leader: Carol Nash, ph. 83-017
Grading: F.E.
Cost: Dependent on transport used so bring plenty.
Depart: Friday Night.

15th – 16th October SHERIDAN CREEK – PENN CREEK

This should prove itself an interesting trip because it will not be confined to one type of geography.

Leader: Carol Nash, ph. 83-017
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$2.50
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

18th October Search & Rescue Radio Evening

This evening has been organized in conjunction with the Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. to cater for those people who had to be turned away from the Radio Evening in September because of excessive numbers. Bring a pencil and paper – radios will be supplied.

7.30 p.m. Tuesday at the Police Station.
Names to: Russ Johnson, ph. 87-777.

21st – 24th October LABOUR WEEKEND, KAIMANAWAS

Two trips will converge in the Waipakahi Valley. After last year's trip to this area I hope we can be just as successful.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, ph. 83-467
Grading: Fit and Easy.
Cost: About \$4.00
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

27th October CLUB NIGHT

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

29th 30th October TAMAKI – POHANGINA CROSSING

If you are sick of the tops this is a trip not to be missed. So follow John into the river's mouth and only get your feet wet.

Leader: John Carter, ph. 74-344
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$2.50 Approx.
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

30th October LOWER POHANGINA

This is bound to be a good chance to sun bathe, and be able to get some in.

Leader: John Carter, ph. 74-344
Cost: \$100 Approx.
Grading: Easy
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Sunday (Sunny Day.)

NOTICES

1. A booklet entitled "Topographic Maps and Route Finding" has recently been published by the Dept. of Lands and Survey. Copies are available from the Treasurer at 50 cents each. We recommend this publication to all trampers.
2. Topographical maps can be purchased from the Treasurer at reduced cost. Keith holds limited stocks of maps but will order new maps not in stock. Phone Keith, 79-303, if interested.
3. Persons borrowing Club equipment are reminded that they are financially responsible for any loss or damage. We hope to print an updated version of the rules for borrowing in the next issue of the newsletter.

4. LET'S HAVE A BALL!

If you feel like letting your hair down or letting other members of the club see you in your finest clothes, then give me a ring with a view to wining and dining at the Sheraton, sometime in November. Cost at \$10 per head represents good value for this class of cuisine. Please contact me before 20th October so I can gauge interest and make bookings.

Telephone John Carter, 74-344.

PAST EVENTS

28th August DAY TRIP TO WAIOPEHU HUT

After listening to the pessimistic weatherman Saturday and fully preparing ourselves mentally for a wet Sunday, we were somewhat surprised to find sun and blue skies for our drive down to Levin.

We left our car at 9.00 a.m. and made our way up the Waiopehu track to arrive at Edwards Shelter by midday and lunch. By a democratic vote after lunch, we decided to tramp for another hour to arrive at the Waiopehu Hut by 2.00 p.m. If anybody is kinky enough to like mud, then we can thoroughly recommend this track to you (as one or two in the party who ended up in the stuff can testify.)

After a quick trip down, we arrived back at the car soon after 5.30 p.m.

Those on the trip were: Christina MacKinder, Rosemary Hall, Margaret MacKenzie, Stephen Moore, Paul Thomas and John Carter.

20th – 21st August SNOWCRAFT II MOUNT EGMONT

The weather was perfect, snow conditions were satisfactory and the turn out embarrassingly large. Twelve persons made use of our bookings in Kapuni Lodge and the overflow of 14 were catered for in the new Konini Lodge at Dawson Falls.

On Saturday we revised the basics – walking in steps, cutting steps, the self arrest (head first on your back on frozen snow!) and the foot brake belay. Then, for the more experienced, we tried out crampons and the icescrew belay.

On Sunday, shortly after 8.00 a.m. part of the party left for the summit. Our twit of a leader forgot to remind us that we should take our climbing ropes. Fortunately this was discovered soon and was rectified. The slopes up to Fantham's Peak were of frozen snow quite icy in fact and a little unnerving in their steepness for some. Above Fantham's it was soft powder and we took turns at breaking the trail as we zig-zagged our way up.

A strong breeze on the summit made things very cold so no one lingered long admiring the view. Two of the party scratched around on the Crater face of Shark's Tooth but decided conditions weren't suitable for climbing the near vertical ice. All too soon it was time to go home.

Those taking part included: Lawson Pither, Kevin Pearce, Graham Hart, Philip Beech, Roy Wilson, Peter Darragh, Colin Hoare, Grant Ramsay, Ron Bremner, John Stent, Francis Thompson, Ross Meder, Tim Short, Trevor Bissell, Sarah Godfrey, don Scott, Wendy Christofells, Gill, Kim and Lucy Davies, Susan Cade, Martin Speller, Paul Hockey + 3.

The large number of participants, the great range of experience and the small number of instructors caused some problems. In future it may be better to run two elementary snow-craft courses and one advanced course. The latter would be strictly only for those with some basic knowledge and skill. Thanks to all those who helped with the course.

NEW ZEALAND'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS

MOUNT COOK REGION

1.	Cook	3764 m.	12.	Malte Brun	3155 m.
2.	Tasman	3498	13.	Haast	3138
3.	Dampier	3440	14.	Elie de Beaumont	3117
4.	Silberhorn	3307	15.	Douglas	3085
5.	Vancouver	3307	16.	La Perrouse	3079
6.	Hicks	3216	17.	Haidinger	3066
7.	Lendenfeld	3201	18.	Magellan	3063
8.	Graham	3200	19.	Minarets	3055
9.	Torres	3163	20.	Malaspina	3048
10.	Teichelmann	3160	21.	Dixon	3010
11	Sefton	3157	22.	Glacier	3007

OTHER AREAS

1.	Aspiring	3027 m.	4.	Ruapehu	2797 m.
2.	Tapuaenuku	2885	5.	Arrowsmith	2795
3.	Earnslaw	2819	6.	Tutoko	2746

NOTES

1. Heights have been taken from the latest topographical maps (N.Z.M.S. 1 series) using the conversion, 1 foot – 0.3048 metres.
2. Some authorities consider some peaks to have more than one summit and they list these separately.

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BUFFET TEA & SLIDE EVENING

Would you like to show your slides of trips you have done this year or any you think would interest other members? Then come along to a buffet tea and slide evening at Carol Nash's, Flat 5, 348 College St., Palmerston North, on Wednesday, October 5th.

Ring Carol, phone 83-017 to make arrangements regarding time and for bringing food or drink.