



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)
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NEWSLETTER

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 ALL TRIPS LEAVE THE "SUPERSAVE" CAR PARK, FERGUSON STREET.
 IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS
 IN ADVANCE.

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COMING EVENTS

31st August CLUB NIGHT "THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FOREST PARKS"
 Society of Friends' Hall, 227 college St., at 7.30 p.m.

Most of our tramping is done in forest Parks which are administrated by the Forest Service. Recent changes mean that the public now have a greater say in their management. The Forest Service have a difficult job in trying to reconcile conflicting requirements. An Officer of the Forest Service will give an illustrated talk on the above topic and will answer questions from the floor.

SUPPER DUTIES: Trevor Bissell, Trevor & Maryann Stretton.

1st – 2nd – 3rd September SNOWCRAFT ii, MT EGMONT.

An advanced course for those who have mastered the basics – step kicking and cutting, the self arrest and the footbrake belay. Accommodation will be in Tahurangi Lodge on the Northern slopes of the mountain. This hut is fully equipped with cooking and eating apparatus. (Map NZMS 169.)

Names to:	Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading:	Medium plus.
Cost:	Transport \$7.60, hut fees \$5.00.
Depart:	6.30 p.m. Friday night.

2nd – 3rd September HOLLY HUT – POUAKAI RANGE

A comfortable hut, a waterfall and a sphagnum moss swamp full of strange plants, not to mention volcanic remnants and spectacular mountain scenery. (Map NZMS 169.)

Names to:	Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	Transport \$7.60, hut fee \$1.00.
Depart:	6.00 a.m. Saturday.

7th September COMMITTEE MEETING

At Heather Crabb's, 3 Clyde Crescent, 7.30 p.m. Thursday.

9th – 10th September LEON KINVIG (RUAHINES)

From Table Flat Road over Toka Peak to the Pohangina River. Storm gear required. (Map NZMS 1 N 140 & N 145.)

Names to: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$2.50
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

10th September TOKA – TUNIPO

A traverse of two of the Ngamoko Range peaks.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543
Grading: Fit
Cost: \$2.50
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

16th – 17th September SAWTOOTH RIDGE

If you saw was as blunt as this one you would probably buy a new one. However, given the right snow conditions this Ruahine Ridge can become a first class trip. (Map NZMS 1 N 140.)

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543
Grading: F.E.
Cost: \$3.40
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

16th – 17th September HINERUA

A medium Eastern Ruahine trip. . (Map NZMS 1 N 140.)

Leader: John Williams, ph. 84-925
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$3.40
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

23rd – 24th September NAVIGATION EXERCISE

A duo of trips to the Roaring Meg – Kapakapanui area of the Tararuas (near Otaki Forks.) A chance to learn and practice map and compass in the untracked bush. Bring map (NZMS 1, N 157.) and compass if you have them.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543
Grading: Easy and Fit (two trips.)
Cost: \$2.70
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

26th September CLUB NIGHT – INTER CLUB QUIZ

(Please note Club Night is on a Tuesday.)

Teams from the Massey Alpine Club and the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club will join in a Quiz related to tramping and mountaineering. Full details in the next newsletter. 8.00 p.m. Tuesday in Room SS1 on the Massey Campus.

29th – 30th – 1st October TWO PEAKS

Mount Tongariro and Ngauruhoe are the peaks in question. (Map NZMS 1 N, 112 or NZMS 273.)

Names to: Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading: Fit.
Cost: \$7.00
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday night.

30th Sept. – 1st October MANGATAPOPO

A very pleasant valley in the Tongariro National Park. Optional rock climbing is available.

Names to: Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading: Easy.
Cost: \$7.00
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

? December – 10th January ARTHUR'S PASS CHRISTMAS TRIPS

It is time to start thinking seriously about your Christmas holidays. If you don't, booking difficulties may confine you to the North Island. Transport costs (Palmerston North to Arthur's Pass return) are estimated at about \$50. See last newsletter (notice No. 7) for details.

The committee would like some indication at the next Club Night as to how many people are interested in going to Arthur's Pass after Christmas.

NOTICES

CLUB BADGE/MOTIF

The Club's badge features a mountaineer, complete with ice axe and crampons, traversing steep snowslopes while on a fixed belay. (See front page of this newsletter.) Careful inspection of the motif reveals blue skies which, although not typical of Club trips, are not completely unknown. From further examination we conclude that the mountaineer is in his early twenties and that he has climbed in the South Island (note the slight inclination of the head.)

CLUB BEGINNINGS

We have many new members who might be interested to know about the origins of the P.N.T.M.C.

It was founded in February, 1967 as an off shoot of the Manawatu Tramping Club. There were eight members of whom some are still around. The first trip was to Field's Hut above Otaki Forks – hence the annual pilgrimage into this area. Membership now stands at just over fifty.

If any original members could offer more details or news of the early days please ring Gill Davies, 79-733.

FIRST AID COURSE FOR TRAMPERS AND CANOEISTS

Is your first aid knowledge up-to-date? A 7 weekly-session course will begin on Tuesday 12th September at the Chalet, Centennial Drive, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Cost (handbook included) is \$10.00.

The course will be taken by a St. John's lecturer and will include theory and practical work.

Names and queries to Gill Davies, ph. 79-733.

CLIP TOP PLASTIC BAGS

These bags have been obtained at cost and are sold at cost.

- 325 X 325 mm (13" X 13") - Maps, LP records 8c each.
- 230 X 305 mm (9" X 12") - General purpose 6c "
- 155 X 180 mm (6" X 7") - Dehy foods 3c "
- 125 X 180 mm (5" X 7") - Dehy food e.g. breakfasts 2c "

Also large, heavy, plastic gusseted bags – ideal for inside of pack as a water proof measure –

- 432 X 254 X 1220 (17" X 10" X 48") 45c "

Other sizes will be made available if there is sufficient demand for them.

Please ring Philip Budding 85-936 or orders of above before club night. They will then be available at club night.

FOR SALE

Snow chains to fit 600 X 12 tyres \$25. Contact Kevin Pearce phone 70-217.

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome is extended to Jenny Smith, 10 Alfred St., P.N. 84-691.

CLUB NIGHT 31st August

Janet Maesson will bring her wall display to the next Club Night and in conjunction with this Kevin will give a short talk on exposure following the main speaker.

Also, goods will be on sale. These include:

Club badges	\$2.00
Club songbook "Trudge"	\$1.25
Rock Climbing Guide to Titahi Bay, G. Dingle.	\$1.00
Topographical Maps & Route Finding (booklet)	50c
Food for Tramping – recipes & menus	20c
Maps – Tararuas, Ruahines, Tongariro etc.	70c - \$1.50
Land Search & Rescue Manual (1977 ed.)	orders taken \$2.00

PAST EVENTS

WINTER CELEBRATIONS RANGI HUT 24th – 25th June

As dawn broke we found ourselves on the road to Rangī with low grey clouds scudding across the sky and the rain pelting down. Seven of us went in the Parapara road end while Ian, Trev and Stephen were dropped off by Peter a few miles further up the road for their F.E. trip (fairly easy.) A slow easy stroll up through the drizzle to Rangī for the rest of us. For some members this meant a chance to hit the pit with a good thriller to read. This idea caught on in epidemic proportions and soon there were bodies everywhere fighting for a few pages to read. As things settled down a pack of cards was brought forth and a game of 500 soon evolved which went on until early afternoon when all ceased for lunch. After lunch saw some high spirited activity with minor muggings taking place all around. Just as things began to settle down in walked Ian, Trev and Stephen who tried to lay claim to some bunk space, this resulting in another large pile of squirming sleeping bags trying to fight them off but alas we were overcome and had to make room. We managed nine people on the bunk top and tailed and Trev was allowed the whole floor to himself.

Sunday morning saw a late breakfast and very little activity until 10.30 when Peter Darragh and Philip Budding decided to uphold Club tradition and go for a swim. They were followed by a few who preferred to watch and take photos. After everyone had had a cuppa it was home time and the day party who had arrived some 1½ hours before decided to go down as well because their gallant leader thought the weather was too bad for any further tramping.

Weekend F.E.: Ian Tennent, Stephen Moore, Trevor Bissell.

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Day: Robin Palmer, Sue Symon, Dawn Elliot, Bruce Stout, Quinton McKay, Mark ?

ROCK CLIMBING II, TITAHĪ BAY 15th – 16th July

The weather was good as promised although there was some doubt as we ran into rain but this soon cleared. Climbing was of a particularly good standard and almost everyone tried some of the more challenging climbs.

Saturday night saw us heading for the "big City lights," and the film the "Goodbye Girl" which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday saw all up bright? And early? To welcome another day of good climbing, although one incident brought a fall with result that a suspected sprained ankle turned out to be a broken lower leg.

Those on the trip: Philip Beech, Terry Beech, Trevor Bissell, Philip Budding, Susan Cade, Kim Davies, Raewyn Devonshire, Anne Flux, Sarah Godfrey, Colin Hoare, Carole Milligan, Debbie Milne, Stephen Moore, Oz Patterson, Grant Ramsay, Eric Van Toor.

P.N.T.M.C. VERSUS MASSEY DEBATE 25th July

The Club team – Kevin Pearce, Eric Van Toor and Verna Owen produced well prepared arguments to support the contention that Trampers are the World's Best Cooks. There was a highly organised practical back up of trampers distributing home cooked goodies which proved the points the team were making.

The Massey team appeared bemused and confused. How could they argue to the contrary after having been totally convinced by the opposition arguments.

Congratulations to our team for a splendid win and for returning the silver cup and the worthy boot to the Club. These trophies can be seen at the next Club Night on 31st August.

TAMAKI WEST July 29th – 30th

Seven people in wet weather gear left Tamaki picnic area at a reasonably early hour to investigate that part of the Ruahines. The fit group decided to hold back until after the morning tea stop at Stanfield Hut.

During the short trip over to Cattle Creek Hut the rain got wetter and the cold got colder and the fit group still seemed to be around. We reached the hut and within minutes everyone was in sleeping bags on foam mattresses – what a trip.

The afternoon sped past with a variety of activities – eating, cups of tea, recitations by Peter, cups of soup, resurrection of the bog by Kim, impressive beamobatics and bunkobatics by the fit males, including a demonstration of the hardest way to get onto a top bunk by Kevin. At last it was teatime and then came great mental feats by candlelight when we tried to find answers for all manner of quizzes which our sage produced.

Outside there were stars and we had great hopes for the next day. However, morning came and so did the rain. Kevin, Peter and Kim decided they really had better do a fit thing and leapt up the opposite ridge, ran back to Stanfield, went up the ridge behind it, along the top to the A frame and down to the cars where the rest had arrived by a shorter route only five minutes earlier. Altogether a relaxing and enjoyable weekend was had by Kevin Pearce, Peter Darragh, Jenny Smith, Glen Bennett, Kim Paul and Gill Davies.

STOP PRESS!

A limited number of people have been booked into the Sheraton to dine and dance the evening away on Friday 24th November. This number must be confirmed so if you want to be one of these happy persons or even if at this stage you are only interested but unable to say definitely you must let Heather (phone 77-668) know immediately.