

9th August COMMITTEE MEETING

At Heather's, 3 Clyde Cres., at 7.45 p.m.

11th – 12th August NORTHERN CROSSING

One of the classic trips in the Tararuas. Bring a good torch and spare batteries for the Friday night walk to South Ohau Hut.

Leader: Nic Bishop, ph. 70-217
Grading: F.E.
Cost: Depends on transport arrangements.
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday night.

11th – 12th August BLUE RANGE – COW CREEK – TABLE RIDGE

A nice trip over well cut tracks to Cow Creek Hut on the banks of the Waingawa River. If the weather is nice the climb up to Table Ridge would yield good views.

Leader: Chrissy Elliot, ph. 72-334
Grading: Medium
Cost: \$2.50
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

12th August BLUE RANGE

An easy stroll up to Blue Range Hut through native bush rewarded with good views when you get there.

Names to: Chrissy Elliot, ph. 72-334
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$2.50
Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

17th – 19th August SNOWCRAFT 1A RUAPEHU

Come and learn the basic snowcraft skills. 15 places have been booked at the Massey Alpine Club Hut. Bring snow goggles and plenty of woollen clothing and good waterproofs for sliding on snow.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, ph. 70-217
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$6.00 transport plus \$4.00 accommodation.

24th August – 1st September KAIKOURAS

Kevin Pearce will be leading a climbing trip into this area, leaving on Friday, 24th August and returning Saturday, 1st September.

The grading is F.E.
Cost: Approx. \$40 plus food.
For further details phone Kevin, 70-217.

25th – 26th August SOUTHERN CROSSING

We will probably start from the Wairarapa side of the range and meet up with the other club parties on Sunday.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543
Grading: Fitness Essential
Cost: Depending on transport arrangements.
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday night.

25th – 26th August KIME HUT – MT. HECTOR

Hopefully there will be some snow and some fine weather to enjoy it.

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

26th August FIELD'S HUT

A day trip to the oldest hut in the Tararuas. The views from Table Top above the hut are well worth the uphill work.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$2.50

30th August CLUB NIGHT

1st – 2nd September BLACK RIDGE – HINERUA HUT

This will involve open tops travel in the Ruahines. Ice axes and full storm gear are essential.

Leader: Terry Crippen, ph. 86-293
Grading: Fit
Cost: \$3.00
Depart: 8.00 p.m. Friday night (fly camp at road

end).

1st – 2nd September DAPHNE HUT

The Tukituki River provides very easy travel and is often visited by our club. People with energy to spare could climb the very steep track from Daphne to Howletts Hut.

Leader: Terry Crippen, ph. 86-293
Grading: Easy
Cost: \$3.00
Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

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NOTICES

SECRETARY

At the last Committee meeting Susan Cade tendered her resignation as Secretary as she is leaving for the United Kingdom in August.

Bon voyage, Susan. We hope to hear of your adventures overseas

In the meantime Eric Van Toor has been appointed Acting Secretary until the next Committee meeting when the Committee will consider names put forward for the position. If anyone has any suggestions for a new Secretary please notify one of the Committee members or Eric, 70-217, before 9th August.

RESIGNATION

It is with regret that we accept Rosemary Buchan's resignation from the Club due to changed circumstances.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to:
Barbara McArdle, 499 Ferguson St., P.N. 71-171
Anne Margrain, 96 Ataahai Rd., P.N. 79-303

WANGANUI RIVER WALK

Camp Wardens are required for periods up to five weeks, during December through to March. A nominal salary will be paid. For further details write to: Walter Romanes, Venturetreks, P.O. 3839, Auckland.

Nic Bishop, 70-217, holds the brochure for the River Walk and also the brochure for the 1979-1980 School of Mountaineering, Mount Aspiring National Park, Courses.

CHRISTMAS TRIP

Consideration is being given by the Committee to arranging a Christmas Trip leaving Christchurch on 29th December and joining up with the Rangiora Club. The estimated cost is \$110 and it will be of medium grading.

Past Christmas Trips have been in the Nelson Lakes National Park, Arthur's Pass and Heaphy Track. Last year's party of 10 members experienced adventures in the Arthur's Pass area. For the trip account see Newsletter 3/79.

BRAVERY AWARD

A PAST MEMBER OF THE club, Constable Maurice (Glenn) Dixon has received the Royal Humane Society's certificate of merit, for swimming through difficult surf at Castlepoint Beach to rescue an occupant of a capsized boat. He and his companion towed the man ashore where he was found to be dead. Their actions were described by the Mayor of Wanganui as a singular act of courage bringing honour to the two men, the police force and the community.

PAST EVENTS

28th June CLUB NIGHT

At the last Club Night a large gathering of members were entertained by Nic Bishop giving an illustrated talk on his journey through far eastern countries en route to New Zealand. His artistic ability with the camera was an inspiration for the many camera enthusiasts in the Club.

RICHMOND RANGE –QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

A number of interesting things happened on this trip to the ranges between Blenheim and Nelson. Firstly was the precision timing of our boarding of the Picton ferry - slow driving conditions meant we had only milliseconds to spare. Secondly was the successful calculation of the numeric value of exponential "e" correct to five significant digits while at the Mount Richmond hut. An attempt at calculating "pi" (the ratio of the circumference to diameter of a circle) was abandoned because of the tedium of applying the Newton-Raphson method to the solution of $\sin(x) = 0$. We couldn't work out a more efficient method of making the calculation.

Saturday was cold and damp. Sunday and Monday were brilliantly fine with a hard frost which lasted all day in the shade. We started at Te Rou, 29 miles from Blenheim in the Wairau Valley and an easy four hour walk through pleasant beech forest brought us to Mount Richmond hut which was of the standard Forest Service design. On Saturday we traversed the rocky peak of Mount Richmond and headed south along the Main Range. It was narrow, bumpy, rocky, bluffy and interesting. A rope was used at one point to descend a steep ice-covered rock slab. Eric was so impressed by the fine weather that he abandoned his parka while pushing through dense forest, having left it tucked under his pack flap. Saturday night we camped on one of the few flat areas and found a trickle of water nearby. On Sunday we continued on to Ada Flat, Old Man and the picturesque Lake Chalice. A long drag east up to the Forestry Road reunited us with Karyn and Brent.

Our grateful thanks are due to Brent Bishop for providing transport and accommodation.

Those taking part were: Eric Van Toor, Stephen Moore, Kevin Pearce and Trevor Bissell. The Richmond Range is well worth visiting.

15th – 17th June RUAPEHU

The Massey hut generator reluctantly stirred into life after much persistence by brave and patient people. This was not done, however, before the machine had vented its anger at being disturbed by hurling a crank handle at one of its tormentors.

On Saturday people split into groups to follow their own interests. Three people, despite the hut's obvious comforts, decided to seek other accommodation in the form of an ice cave higher on the mountain. A bonus, near the cave was a frozen waterfall which gave prospective and experienced climbers a chance to practise their skills.

Meanwhile another group was chipping its steps slowly up through the mists in the direction of the crater rim. A more technologically advanced group, using crampons, caught up with these primitives near the rim and continued to the summit. Finally the ice cavers made the last climb for the day to the top.

On Sunday most people amused themselves by glissading, self-arresting and step cutting in gullies near the top of the chair lifts.

Five people climbed the summit and three the crater rim on Saturday and three went to the summit on Sunday.

Trip members were: Phillip Beech, Nic Bishop, Trevor Bissell, Phillip Budding, Terry Crippen, Sarah Godfrey, Ron Gribbin, Owen Gurr, Graham Hart, Craig Higgin, John Paterson, Kevin Pearce, Raleen Scott, Don Scott, Diane Stanley, Eric Van Toor.

?th - ?th July WAIOPEHU

The Kaitawa River was well and truly flooded on Saturday morning and so was the Ohau. The day promised yet more rain so we set off up the Waiopehu Ridge to spend a night with Chrissy Elliot's high school class at Waiopehu Hut.

Sunday seemed dry so we went up for the view from Waiopehu Peak. A spur was followed down to a tributary of the Makaretu stream which was followed by a long splash down river. The day turned cold and rained again so the farm land was a gladdening sight.

Party: Stephen Moore, Owen Gurr, Katherine Farquhar and Trevor Bissell.

7th – 8th July WAIOPEHU

Four cars headed to the road end behind Levin where we ferried Nick, Kevin and Trevor to the start of their more strenuous F.E. trip. ?? the Easy Party of nine then wandered up the long ridge to Waiopehu Hut with plenty of Tararua mud and some views. We were first at the hut and settled in before 20 or more Levin-Waiopehu Tramping Club people arrived.

Some of us headed up to Waiopehu Peak Sunday morning to be greeted with a spectacular view of the whole main range of the Tararuas, freshly covered in snow. After some snowball fights we headed back to the hut, picked up our gear and headed out back via the track, getting overtaken by Nick, Kevin and Trevor. We also met Susan waiting patiently for the Medium party who were coming down the Makaretu Stream.

The Easy Party People were: Ron Coenders, Martin Eggels, Jenny Wilton, Lynda Gudsell, Sheryl Sporry, Frances Trewby, Glen Osborne, Tony Craven, and Terry Crippen.

7th 8th July NORTH MANAKAU ROAD – WAITEWAEWAE PEAK – ORIWA - WAIOPEHU

Once upon a time there were three trampers called Kevin, Trevor and Nic. They all decided to go on a bush bash. "Which way shall we go?" asked Trevor. "Into the great forest," replied Nic. Nic was the LEADER and he was very stern but quite lovable. The forest was enchanted by an evil witch who had cast a wicked spell. Trevor pricked himself on a lawyer vine and broke into a hideous rash of welts, cuts and scratches. This frightened all the children, but did not worry Trevor, who was used to cuts and scratches. "Oh, dear me!" exclaimed Trevor when he saw that some nasty forest gnome had cut a track up the hill. But the gnome must have got tired because his track only went to the top of Waitewaewae Peak. Hanging on a tree like a Christmas decoration was the gnome's compass. "He must have thought a compass was not very useful if he left it behind," said Kevin as he swiftly put it into his pack. In these dark woods a compass was very useful because none of the trampers had fairy godmothers to show them which way to go. Not even gnomes dared to go this far into the forest. But the three trampers did not get lost because they were very careful, and Kevin used his magic compass which always points the right way.

High on a ridge in the Tararuas by a lake called Oriwa lies a castle. The King had a very beautiful daughter, and this was where the trampers wanted to go. But the witches had planted great lawyer vines and put huge logs in their way.

When the trampers climbed up to the lake a terrible sight fell before their eyes. The great lake was dry and the castle had been turned into a dog kennel and the King and his daughter had gone. "Oh, what a shame," sighed Nic. But Oriwa lake was still very pretty and the snowy main range shone in the rays of the afternoon sun. As soon as the sun sank below the trees it was time for bed. During the night evil Jock Frost came out and turned all the water in the billies to ice and froze the trampers' boots and socks. "Ouch!" they cried in the morning when they tried to put on their boots. Soon the sun came out again and they happily trundled off along the ridge to Waiopehu Peak. From Waiopehu they ran all the way down the track to their big motor car and then drove home.

The three trampers were: Nic Bishcp, Trevor Bissell and Kevin Pearce.

8th July BLACKWATER AND MAKARETU STREAMS

The Route:

Via Ohau Gorge track to Ohau Hut, then up the Blackwater Stream and a bush bash up to Waiopehu Hut for lunch. Along the track to Edwards Shelter and down an unnamed tributary of the Makaretu (navigational error, this stream is recommended for the criminally insane). Finally down the Makaretu and back to the car park.

The Weather:

Beautifully fine and clear. It would have been even better if the moon had come up earlier.

The Participants:

Sue Cade, Don Scott, Keith Miller, Adele Williams, and Diane Stanley.

23rd – 24th June MID WINTER AT RANGI

With the chills of winter approaching we merrily made our way up to our home away from home, Rangi hut. Looking rather deserted and depressed in the cold weather Rangi was soon brought back to its former high spirits and friendliness.

An evening of fine food and merriment was had and a warm night on the bunk enjoyed by all. Next morning we made our way north to Mangamahue encountering on the way a frozen tarn where boots made ideal ice skates and accidents were plentiful. A winter trip to Rangi would not be complete without a dip in the swimming pool and on the way home two 'heroes' took the plunge.

Weekend Celebrators were David Speller, Sheryl Sporry, Terry Crippen, Colin Hoare, Colleen and Mark Elvins.

22nd – 24th June CAVING - WAITOMO

Thanks once again to the M. S. G. - 13 of our club again sampled the delights of the caves in the Waitomo area.

On Saturday Ian, Graham, Eric, Sally, Frances, Alan and Trevor slithered a slushy side down into Ringlefall and belayed & laddered a 20 foot drop further into the cave. The entrance proved to be an obstacle on the way out as the first ones out could not avoid pushing mud downhill, blocking the entrance. With much digging and wriggling an exit was forced and some very muddy individuals (worse than the family) headed back to the Hamilton Tomo Group hut for showers.

Meanwhile the Phillips, Terry, Karyn, Sarah, Don, Kim and Grant managed to reach the Henry VIII Passage in Gardner's Gut (having missed the Apricot Pie Passage on the way).

On Sunday five went to Waipuna and eight went to Lucky Strike.

Leaders: Ian Miller and Grant Ramsay.

Party: Eric Van Toor, Sally Hewson, Frances Trewby, Graham Peters, Trevor Bissell, Alan Dunn, Phillip Budding, Phillip and Terry Beech, Karyn Bishop, Sarah Godfrey, Don Scott, Kim Davies.

AVALANCHE ACCIDENT ON MOUNT COOK

Some time before 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday 2nd January, 1979, Club members Keith Margrain and John Williams were struck by an ice avalanche while they were descending the Linda Glacier after an unsuccessful attempt on Mount Cook. John was killed instantly and Keith died at the scene of the accident the following day. In one sudden and awful blow the Club lost two highly respected and valued members.

KEITH FRANCIS MARGRAIN

Keith was born in Palmerston North in 1957. He attended Palmerston North Boys High School from 1970 to 1973 and then Massey University, initially on a part time basis, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Business Studies in April, 1978. At the beginning of 1978 he took up employment with a Christchurch accountancy firm.

Keith joined the Tramping Club in 1971 and soon came to notice for his quiet attentiveness and enthusiasm. He became a Committee member in 1974 and Treasurer in 1977 and also served for a period as gear custodian. His tramping with the Club began modestly with a day trip to the Ohau River but soon progressed to include trips such as a one day winter Southern Crossing, a Full Waiohine and a descent of Chamberlain Creek. He made many trips to the Ranges of both Islands including Egmont, Tongariro, Kaimanawas, Ruahines, Tararuas, Rimutakas, North-West Nelson, Inland and Seaward Kaikouras, Nelson Lakes, Arthur's Pass, Mount Cook, Westland, Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks. He was a keen rock climber, mountaineer, canoeist, skier and cyclist. His climbs included a number of peaks in the Darrans, Mount Aspiring National Park, the Mount Cook Region, including the Syme Ridge of Mount Tasman and many lesser peaks in other areas. He was active in Search and Rescue and was responsible for finding and rescuing a person buried in an avalanche on Mount Ruapehu in 1975. His incredible sense of balance, his unflappability and his skill at navigation made him something of an institution.

Keith took delight in simple things such as a snug camp high in the mountains, the purr of the primus promising warm food and the beauty and solitude of the mountains. He was an excellent companion, always cheerful and uncomplaining, energetic when there was work to be done, calm and quick acting in a crisis. Keith had many friends and his courtesy, modesty and common sense gained the respect of all who knew him. The community can ill afford to lose young men of Keith's calibre.

JOHN R. WILLIAMS (1946 - 1979)

I knew the Williams family before John lost both his parents a few years ago. They were a close knit family, well organised and ever willing to share what they had with others less fortunate than themselves. The family came from Britain when John was small, from the same area as myself, and they never lost their national characteristics. John was an only child and carried the family philosophies into his work, leisure and recreation. Consequently he was much sought after as a leader, chairman, councillor and companion.

We came to know each other very well from 1968 on since we shared for much of that time, the same accommodation, workmates, interests and friends. One of John's characteristics was his inability to sit still and he was always wanting to be 'doing' something. This led to his being involved in projects as varied as assembling a computer microprocessor to manufacturing a cattle crush. Generally, his interests lay in the great outdoors with a specialization in the ? individual pursuits rather than in team sports.

Tramping, skiing, canoeing and cycling had their turn and his enthusiasm for these activities infected others. He worked hard at these activities too and I remember one summer before a Christmas Tramping Trip that he was leading, he decided on a crash 'get-fit' campaign about a week beforehand. This involved getting up at '6 a.m.' (it was often 7.50 a.m.) having breakfast, donning his running gear and pack containing several bricks, tearing

out to Massey, swimming four or five lengths of the outdoor pool, crossing the road for a shower and climbing into his working clothes ready to start work at 8 a.m. After a day at the lab bench the performance was reversed and after tea there was the inevitable meeting to attend. John led about 24 people on that Christmas Trip to the South Island and very enjoyable it was too, mainly due to the good planning and forethought. John was very tired by the end of the trip which, if I remember rightly, ended in some very long grass behind a factory close to the railway station from which we were to depart the following morning.

Perhaps as a consequence of having been isolated in Antarctica in '72/'73, John was always a good companion with something constructive to say to everyone especially on wet days or when morale was failing although his impish brand of humour occasionally backfired. John never did things by halves and was always one of the 'boots and all' brigade which occasionally landed him in trouble. He was willing to take a calculated risk and I can remember a number of adventurous trips we had together. On 2nd January, 1979 John was enjoying himself as he had done for the whole of his life.

Adrian S. D. King.
12/7/79.

Although born in England John spent most of his early life in Wellington before coming to Palmerston North as an electronics technician for the D.S.I.R. in 1968. As part of his work John twice visited Antarctica, once during the 1967/68 summer cruise of the U.S. icebreaker "Eltanin" and the second time in 1972/73 when he wintered over at Scott Base.

John joined the Palmerston' North Tramping and Mountaineering Club in 1971 and became a committee member in 1972. He served on the committee in various capacities including gear custodian and was Membership Convenor at the time of his death. John was active in Search and Rescue and was Chairman of the Palmerston North Mountain Safety Committee.

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The following is a list of financial members as at 5th July, 1979:

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