



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Final notice is given that subscriptions are now due.

Juniors	\$5.50
Seniors	\$9.00
Family	\$10.00

This will be your final newsletter if you have not paid your sub by next mailing date.

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COMING EVENTS

All trips leave Supersave carpark, Ferguson Street. If you wish to go on a trip, you must advise the leader at least three days in advance.

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25 JUNE – CLUB NIGHT – TREKKING IN THE HIMALAYAS

Dr. John Willis will present an illustrated talk on trekking in the Annapurna region of Nepal. This event has been carried over from the May Club night.

At the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, at 7.45 p.m. Thursday.

Supper Duties: Philip Budding, Susan Cade, Peter Darragh.

27 - 28 JUNE – RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK

East of Wellington lies the idyllic and sun-blessed "Orongorongos". An easy trip will go from Wainuiomata via the Whakanui track to the Orongorongo River and out via the Five Mile track. The fit trip will attempt a crossing of both the north and south Mathews Saddles. Come equipped for camping.

Leader:	Kevin Pearce, phone 70217
Grading:	Easy & Fit
Cost:	\$8.00
Departs:	6.00am Saturday.

28 JUNE – MAKAETU STREAM - SPION COP

A medium day trip to the Tararuas near Levin. Bring warm clothing for stream and bush travel.

Names to: Peter Darragh, phone 35633
 Grading: Medium
 Cost: \$2.00 approx.
 Departs: 6.30 a.m. Sunday.

4 - 5 JULY – BLUE RANGE – COW SADDLE BANNISTER

This should be a good opportunity to test navigation and perhaps storm gear in the eastern Tararuas.

Leader: Terry Crippen, phone 63588
 Grading: Medium & Fitness Essential
 Cost: \$4.50
 Departs: 6am Saturday

5 JULY – ORIENTEERING, KOHITERE, LEVIN

Orienteering is a relatively new sport in New Zealand and it can be highly recommended as an interesting and healthy pastime. The event will be organised by the Red Kiwi Orienteering Club. Bring compass, running shoes, shorts, warm change of clothes parka and lunch. This event will be suitable for all, as there will be a choice of courses.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, phone 70217
 Cost: \$3.00
 Depart: 9 a.m. Sunday.

9 JULY – COMMITTEE MEETING

147 Cook Street, 7.45 p.m., Thursday.

11 - 12 JULY – MAKARETU – POHANGINA – NGAMOKO

Situated in the eastern Ruahines, this trip should provide plenty of alternatives between stream and tops i.e. water and snow.

Leader: Daryl Rowan, phone 67210
 Grading: Medium
 Cost: \$5.50
 Departs: 6am Saturday.

11 JULY - TAMAKI – STANFIELD – CATTLE CREEK

How about a nice day trip up a stream with plenty of warm clothes into the Ruahines?

Leader: Allan Dunn, phone 80249
 Grading: Easy
 Cost: \$3.50
 Departs: 7am Saturday

13 JULY – DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER

All material in Kevin's hands by 7p.m. Monday please.

16 JULY – INFORMAL CLUB NIGHT

A projector and screen will be available for members to show their slides. Hall opens 7.30 p.m. or shortly after depending upon how late tea is.

Society of Friends Rooms. 227 College Street.

18 - 19 WAIHOHONU HUT – OTURERE – EMERALD LAKES

In the Tongariro National Park this should be an interesting trip. Please take full storm gear and ice axes may be handy.

Leader: Diane Stanley, phone 64118
 Grading: Fit
 Cost: \$9.50
 Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday (or earlier)

25 - 26 JULY – SAWTOOTH RIDGE

A good time of year to see if it is a "RIP" or "CROSSCUT". In "fool" storm gear.

Leader: Stephen Moore; phone 81699

Grading: Fitness Essential (Full storm gear and torch)
 Cost: \$5.50
 Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday

26 JULY – TOKOMARU STREAM

So you want a pleasant day away from home, but don't want to travel far. Give Leonie a ring and get more details.

Leader: Leonie Coenders, phone 75401
 Grading: Easy
 Departs: 7a.m Sunday
 Cost: \$1.60

30 JULY – CLUB NIGHT – INTER CLUB DEBATE

An annual event in which we pit our wits (and sometimes half wits) against the might of Massey Alpine Club. We usually win, but didn't last year, so this year we are keen to get "our" Trudge Trophy back. Usual time and place. Full details next newsletter.

1 - 2 AUGUST – ISLANDS FORKS

More details next newsletter or ring Grant Ramsey 75365.

SOUTH ISLAND TRAMPING

How about a trip South for the winter from the 2nd of August on? Interested? Well, contact Mike Freeman 86000. Plans are flexible at the moment so how about flexing them your way.

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NOTICES:

1. New Members: Debbie Hunt, 113 Ferguson Street, P.N. phone 82264
 Kathryn Newland, 1 Raukawa Road, R.D. 10, P.N. phone 268751
2. Subscriptions: These are now overdue. Please see front page.
3. Recuperating: Our Patron, Mr Lawson Pither, recently had his appendix out and is now recuperating. He should be fit for the ski season.
4. Remutupo Hut: This hut in the Ruahines has been demolished because of erosion. It was on the Eastern approach to Lake Colenso.

NELSON LAKES XMAS TRIP – 18 JAN TO 26 JAN 1981

18 Jan. After postponing our Everest expedition for another year or two, six hardy trampers decided to go to a lesser know area in the South Island called Nelson Lakes. Craig Baird, Jo Eder and Barbara McArdle set up camp at St. Arnaud while the other group Allan Dunn, Julian Dalefield and John Titchener ex P.N.T.M.C. arrived there late at night.

19 Jan. In brilliant; sunshine we headed around the beautiful Lake Rotoiti to Lake Head Hut for lunch. A jetty on the edge of the Lake provided a good chance for a swim. Craig in a stirring mood chucked the leader in and to his amazement saw him give a brilliant display of underwater ballet, until he fished him out. After the morning excitement, the afternoon was pretty quiet as we headed up the Travers Valley taking in the beauty of Mounts Hopeless and Cuppola. Late in the afternoon we pitched our tent fly just past Hopeless Creek.

20 Jan. On a drizzly morning we packed up early and headed off to Upper Travers Hut splitting into two groups. John, Barbara and Craig raced off, while Jo, Julian and Allan approached it more casually taking time out to look at the beautiful Travers waterfall.

21 Jan. This was our first rest day and everyone except Barbara decided to try and climb Mt. Kehu. Right at the start it became apparent that the loose rock would hinder our progress somewhat. We finally made it to the top of St. Arnau's and realised that the last hundred feet of Kehu was a rock climb. So we were quite content to stay where we were and gaze at the view of Mount Travers, and back down the valley.

22 Jan. With Mount Travers ruling supreme over us, we tramped up over Travers Saddle. Dropping our packs, we went to have a look at an unnamed tarn near Rainbow Pass. With the snow around it, Jo, another

Stirrer, decided she wanted a snow fight and so it was all on, even poor Julian copped it. The rest of the day was spent quietly going down the steep Travers Saddle to Forks Hut.

23 Jan. With John raving on about Blue Lake, we all decided to put on day packs and, have a look. It was everything we imagined it would be. So crystal clear. Being the gullible sort, we all went in for a quick dip, but for most of us we were out for quicker than we went in, all except Barbara whose ancestors were probably cold blooded, decided she wanted to break a record, of staying in the longest, in which she did. Jo, John and Julian took time out to visit Lake Constance, while the rest of us spent the afternoon warming up.

24 Jan. An easy day was spent as we strolled down the Sabine River to Lake Rotorua with Mount Misery on the Mahonga Range looking prominent. Arriving there early we spent the rest of the afternoon swimming.

25 Jan. On another fine day and with John and Jo in fine singing voice, we wandered up the Howards Track and down to Speargrass Hut. Being our last night in we camped out under the stars, all except John who had the Hut to himself.

26 Jan. Sadly this was our last day and Allan and Craig tramped out early to Paddy's Shelter to pick up the cars, while the rest of us took our time coming out. Before we knew it, we were heading back on the Ferry back to Palmerston North, but John invited us to stay in Wellington with his wife and family that night, concluding a wonderful end to a wonderful trip.

DUNDAS RIDGE – BANNISTER RIDGE – MAY 2 - 3

This trip started on a clear cold Saturday morning. Hopes of a long day soon faded as an hour's warm up exercises were performed (bends, stretches and weight lifting) in order to extract Mr Bissell's van from a culvert on the side of the Mangatinoka Road. A late start was further delayed by the non-appearance of Mr Pearce at Herepai. A quick run back down the track until we met two trampers who had not seen him, back to Herepai - still no sign – must have gone to Roaring Stag.- 2 minutes silence, then off to Dundas Hut.

Quite a bit of cloud was around Dundas and there was light rain during the night, but it was decided that a Bannister crossing was a possibility, so Mr Bissell's expertise at 5.30 rising were requested. Well worth the effort too - a perfectly clear calm dawn – views of the Kaikouras, Ruahines, Ruapehu etc. and sunrise from the top of Logan. 7.15 saw Mr Pearce coming off Arete – some misunderstanding as to which direction the trip was heading. Then onto Bannister - still calm and clear – quite amazing. A Bush Tramping Club Party headed out of Bannister Basin and on to Cattle Ridge about an hour ahead of us.

The trip ended with a Mr B. paced exit from Roaring Stag, and a meeting half way out!

So thanks to the Big H, ten fit people had a very enjoyable weekend in some inspiring scenery.

Those partaking: Trev. Bissell, Trev. Lupton, Grant Ramsay, Mike Freeman, Carol Cullen, Darryl Rowan, Kevin Pearce, John McCallum, Terry Crippen, Rachel Gavich.

RUAPEHU TUROA SIDE – 8 - 10 MAY

(Written in Auckland Vernacular)

Seven of us headed up to the MUAC Hut on Friday night in Trev B's van stopping in Waiouru for fish and chips – meeting the other Trev B. with his van full of cavers on the way.

Saturday morning 6.30 a.m. and Ruapehu was looking good, but then as we were having breakfast spider web-like clouds began to form over the summit. Before we had even got all our gear together for the day it had poohed out in a big way. We headed up anyhow into the wind, rain and mist. Daryl and Ross got to the summit with 'poons on the hard snow and ice. Another group investigated the rocks towards the top then went over to the Mangaturuturu Shelter doing some step cutting practice on the way – first time with ice axes for some of us. Another Group investigated the stream and caves near the hut.

Saturday evening and Keith and Dott arrived. Trev B's van was making bad noises so there was a lot of confusing mechanical discussions.

Sunday still strong winds on top, but our main concern was what to do with the van. A few helping hands removed the tappet cover for closer inspection. Trev decided to head down with van to Ohakune and go to a garage. Most of us then, minus packs, did a good walk above the bushline towards Blyth Hut. Good views were had of Ruapehu, its summit in cloud, the Mangaehuehu Glacier looking a bit more like a South Island glacier with open slots and a suggestion of an ice fall. Good for photography. Once to Blyth Hut we headed down Blyth Hut to cadge a lift with Keith & Dot and some tourists down to Ohakune to be greeted with a slightly better sounding van – it got us home OK so that was the main thing.

The people were: Keith Pollock, Dott Brown, Terry Crippen, Daryl Rowan, Roddy Henderson, Linda Keal, Ross Meder, Trevor Brill & Paul Boening.

HOLDSWORTH – JUMBO 23 - 24 MAY

A leisurely climb saw us arriving at the Powell Chalet by lunchtime. Lockwood-built, with verandas, mattresses and L.P.G. picnic stoves laid on. (Why did we carry primus stoves and fuel!?) A solid fuel stove and two new loos have yet to be completed. Official opening date is 7 June, so you won't see an entry in the log-book from this the first PNTMC party to stay there. After lunch three more masochistic members went for a walk in the rain up Holdsworth while the others, with a chap from NZFS resident in the hut played "500". With a little skill and a lot of table talk our leader and the NZFS man took down all comers both then and later in the day.

Sunday was grey, misty and icy-cold, but off we went to Holdsworth, along to Jumbo and then down to the Atiwhakatu and back out to the cars at Holdsworth Lodge. Rather a long day for a medium trip, but balanced by the easy day on the Saturday.

Those taking part were: Mike Davidson, Cathy Farquhar, Tricia Lucas, Cathy Newland, Lucy Davies and Grant Ramsay.

CHILE – ARGENTINA FEB 26 - MARCH 11

Miles Craighead and I had already spent 4 weeks in the South of Chile when we met up with Stu Grey and Geoff Meade of A.U.T.C. on Feb 24th. We had seen Cerro Tronador (11660', latitude 41° 10.5) from a distance on a previous trip. It looked quite a challenge and was head and shoulders above anything else.

On the way, and still in Chile, is Volcan Osorno, 2,600 m volcano rising directly from sea level, and glaciated for the last 1000 m. We left a food dump at Ensenada, a village at the base, and set up a camp at 1000 m, near a ski club hut. The hut custodian's eight year old daughter informed us that she had climbed Osorno, and that our crampons weren't necessary! After one pit day of inclement weather, Saturday 28 Feb was beautifully fine and we climbed the volcano for a breathtaking view of Tronador to the east and the surrounding Chilean countryside. Crampons were in fact very useful, as was the rope for negotiating the crevasses.

We went back down to Ensenada that night, camped by the lake, swam, and had stewed blackberries and damper for breakfast (yummm).

The next two days were spent travelling to Cerro Tronador – a hitch hike which turned out to be a long walk, a launch trip across the scenic Lago Todos Los Santos (a lake in Fiordland type country), a bus trip across the border, and a tramp to a pass at the base of Tronador.

We stashed a lot of gear there under a bush and climbed with bivvy gear only to survey the route. We spent the night outside a Club Andino hut (in it costs \$6.00 night), and chatted with the hut custodian. (With a lot of actions - were still struggling with the lingo!) We understood that the main peak is very difficult - a mixed ice and rock route of 70° 80°, so we resolved to have a go at the lesser Argentine peak - 1000 ft lower at 3,100m.

After a 4.30 am start Miles and I practiced technique on a face route, while Stu & Geoff climbed the ridge and sunbathed back at the hut. A 2 hour tramp back to the pass finished a long and satisfying day in a beautiful area.