



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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COMING EVENTS

ALL TRIPS LEAVE SUPERSAVE CARPARK, FERGUSSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP, YOU MUST ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE.

29th October, CLUB NIGHT - CLIMBING IN EUROPE

Time won't permit us to go to Europe so instead we have brought Nigel Barlow to us. Nigel will describe various activities in Scotland, Switzerland etc.

At the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms. 227 College St. at 7.45, Thursday.

SUPPER DUTIES: Nora Flight, Janis Frain, Donald French.

30th October - 1st November, NGAURUHOE WITH DON

Come with me to conquer Mt. Ngauruhoe, to visit the craters of Tongariro, with their multitude of colours, and most of all to lounge in the hot pools at Ketetahi.

Open to people of all grades of fitness. Ice axe required and crampons if you wish to Challenge Ngauruhoe. Be prepared for 15 minute walk to Mangatepopo Hut on Friday night. Saturday night is to be spent at Ketetahi Hut. Fine weather is unconditionally guaranteed (but don't count on it – bring storm gear).

Leader: Don French, ph. 73-543.
Grading: Medium.
Cost: \$11.
Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday.

31st October, MIKE FREEMAN'S BIRTHDAY

1st November, ORIENTEERING AT AOKAUTERE

Come along any time between 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. and try your hand at this interesting activity. Courses suitable for beginners will be available and also instructors if necessary. Bring shorts, running shoes, compass and a change of clothes and perhaps a picnic lunch.

Signposted on highway 57A, 4 km from the Fitzherbert Bridge. Organised by the Red Kiwis Orienteering Club and our own Kevin Pearce.

10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Sunday.

Entry fee: \$1.00.

2nd November, S.A.R. MAP AND COMPASS COURSE

Restricted to those taking part on the SAREX on 14 -15 November. (Details below). Bring pens paper and compass. 7.30 p.m. Monday at the Police Station.

5th November, COMMITTEE MEETING

At Peter Wiles', 5 Rongopai St. (off Roy St.), 7.45 p.m. Thursday.

7th - 8th November, OTAKI – MANGAHUKA HUT

A variety of features will be crossed with lots of fitness being built up.

Names to: Daryl Rowan, ph. 70-217

Grading: Fit

Cost: \$4.50

Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

9th November, S.A.R. RADIO INSTRUCTION EVENING

Restricted to those taking part on the SAREX ON 14 -15 November. (Details below). The new TR105 radios will be used. Bring parka, torch, pen and paper.

7.30 p.m. Monday at the Police Station.

12th November, INFORMAL CLUB NIGHT – AN INTRODUCTION TO TRAMPING

Some of the more experienced members will be talking and instructing on topics such as preparation for tramps, equipment, food, and compass navigation.

The evening is aimed especially at those who are just starting tramping but will be of interest to all.

7.45 p.m., Thursday, at the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St.

14th -15th November, SAREX “TAKAPARI”

The annual Palmerston North Police District Search and Rescue Exercise to be held in the western Ruahines between Diggers Hut and the Pohangina River. {An inexperienced party of photographers will be overdue on a day trip). Limited to eight persons some of whom will be the lost party.

Names to: Kevin Pearce, ph 70-217.

Grading: Fit.

Cost: Free.

Depart: Police Station 6.00 a.m. and 7.00 a.m.

Returns: Police Station 5.00 p.m. Sunday.

15th November, POHANGINA RIVER

Splash your way up a river, maybe some swims could be partaken.

Leader: Leonie Coenders, ph. 75401.

Grading: Easy.

Cost: \$2.50.

Depart: 7.00 a.m. Sunday.

21st - 22nd November, FULL (FOOL?) KAWHATAU

The naming of this trip should be some indication of its purpose.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543.

Grading: Fitness Essential.

Cost: \$4.50.

Depart: 6.30 p.m. Friday night.

21st - 22nd November, CROW HUT

A much, much easier version of the above into the pleasant Kawhatau River Valley.

Names to: Trevor Bissell, ph. 73-543.
 Grading: Easy.
 Cost: \$4.50.
 Depart: 6.30 a.m. Saturday.

26th November, CLUB NIGHT – HUGH LOGAN

We have invited Hugh Logan from Wellington to speak on some of his climbing activities. He has been very active in the Mount Cook region over the past ten years. Hugh has massed a wealth of knowledge on the history of the area and is using this knowledge to update the now outdated climbing guide. Usual time and place.

28th - 29th November, OTURERE HUT – RED CRATER

Situated on the Desert Road side of Tongariro National Park, the landscape makes a more likely name to be Tongariro Luna Park. Come along and find out why.

Leader: Peter Wiles, ph. 86894.
 Grading: Medium
 Cost: \$9.50
 Depart: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.

29th November CYCLE TRIP

This should be a nice excuse to have a picnic somewhere.

Names to: Peter Darragh, ph. 3-5633.
 Grading: Nil.
 Cost: Lots of sweat and tears.
 Depart: 11.00 a.m. Sunday.

3rd December, COMMITTEE MEETING

5th - 6th December, GRANDE DINNER AT RANGI

Details Next Newsletter.

Wanted – Budding home economists, 2 chefs, to help with Christmas at Rangi preparations (been able to carry water tanks is not a prerequisite).

Contact Don French, ph. 73-543.

10th December, CLUB NIGHT

The Club has been very fortunate in obtaining Dr. Dick Price to Speak to us on the recent N.Z. Alpine Club Expedition to Molamenquing. This peak is 7,703 m high and was the third highest unclimbed mountain in the world located in Tibet, just north of Nepal's Langtang Himal.

Dick Price is a Palmy lad, who obtained his medical degree at Otago Med. School and has been in the U.K. for the past couple of years.

12th - 13th December, WAIOPEHU

Easy and medium, Philip Budding, 85-936.

14th December, CLUB DINNER

When: Monday, December 14th.
 Where: Southern Cross Restaurant and Cabaret.
 Cost: \$13.90 plus drinks.
 Time: 7.00 p.m. at above.
 Other Details: Dance Band and singer, smorgasbord.

17th December, BARBECUE, 7 TERN PLACE

19th - 20th December, KELLY KNIGHTS - POURANGAKI HUT

Philip Beech, 69-412.

NOTICES

1. **RANGI HUT REPLACEMENT**

(See Newsletter 7/81 for previous details). The Club is to approach the Forest Service with a proposal that the local Technical Institute should construct a prefabricated hut using materials supplied by the Forest Service. The Technical Institute would be agreeable to such a proposal.

2. **PLANNING A XMAS TRIP?**

(I hope so!) Problems with food? Well contact Don French for "Food for Trampers." It is a guide put out by P.N.T.M.C. members for P.N.T.M.C. members on planning, purchasing, packaging and preparing of pleasant palatable pabulum. Contact your Treasurer, Don French, ph. 73-543.

3. **ALPINE CALANDERS**

Don has purchased a large number of the above calendars, hence obtaining a discount. A limited number are still available at \$5.00 each.

The pictures are of New Zealand Alpine scenes taken by climbers Dave Bamford and John Nankeruis, both people familiar to many club members. The calendars are in colour with high quality reproduction, good enough to grace the best of living room and toilet walls.

If interested contact Don French, ph. 73-543.

4. **NOTICE BOARD**

The Club now owns a posh new notice board for use at Club Nights, thanks to Vaughan and Kathy Crow.

5. **SLIDE SCREEN**

The Club is to purchase a slide screen for use at Club Nights. It will be larger and whiter than our borrowed one and will hang from the ceiling.

6. **PHOTORAPHIC ALBUM**

The Club has a photo album which contains much historically interesting material plus a few nudes etc. Unfortunately few photos have been added over recent years. Good quality photos of Club members engaged in Club activities would be most welcome. The album will be on display at Club Nights.

PAST EVENS

DAY TRIP TO BARFOLD GORGE

The Gorge is to be found 100 km Northeast of Melbourne by road and is only accessible by foot. Permission to enter the area has to be obtained from the farmer at the road end.

As Kiwis afoot we were quite impressed by the diversity of bird life and the untouched appearance of the gorge though it is surrounded by farmland. This was in contrast to more accessible areas which were littered with rubbish.

We were assured by one of the locals the area would abound with nasties, e.g. snakes (Tiger, Brown and Black) during the summer months. We never saw any, only giant stinging nettles, gorse, cutty grass and wild rose thorns! all at once.

The round trip took about 4 hours from start to finish. The main falls were not high, but wide and impressive. A rare breed of gum is also known to exist in this area.

Taking part were- Lawson Pither, Sue Streeter, Phillip Pither and Brendan Michael.