



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

P.O. BOX 1217  
PALMERSTON NORTH  
NEWSLETTER  
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## ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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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.

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## DAY TRIPS AND ALTERNATIVES

If you are interested in a day or an alternative weekend trip, contact the person running the scheduled trip.

### 26 August – CLUB NIGHT

tonight the spotlight is on the mountains of Erewhon. Not Samuel Butler's mystical land, but a group of mountains in Canterbury located between the Rakaia and Rangitata rivers. Peter Wiles, our resident expert on the area will be conducting proceedings. If you have any slides of the area, bring them along.

7.45 p.m. Thursday

227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms. All welcome.

### 28 – 29 August – RUAHINES – WINTER RANGI – HOWLETTS CROSSING

There's plenty of scope for other weekend trips and a Sunday day trip will be organised. There could be some ski touring.

Names to:	Phillip Budding, ph 85963
Grading:	Fit (& others if demand warrants)
Cost:	Approx. \$6.00
Departs:	Saturday 6 a.m.

### 3 – 5 September – CATHEDRAL ROCKS, RUAPEHU

Now that conditions are perfect, here's the chance to look at some of the real climbing pitches in the North Island. Lots of scope to practise ski-touring and ice skating on the lake.

### 4 – 5 September – HOLDSWORTH

A chance for low altitude snow travel, many variations possible. Check the map and organise a proposal. Winter gear essential.

A day trip can be organised if there is enough demand.

Leader: Nigel Seebeck  
 Grading: Easy/Medium  
 Cost: Approx. \$6.00  
 Departs: Saturday 6.00 a.m.

### **10 - 12 September – RUAPEHU PINNACLE RIDGE**

Sharpen up those front points, oil those ice screws. Here's your chance to practice the art of winter climbing. Lunchtime entertainment will be provided by the antics of the resident skiing population. Experience and strong calf muscles are necessary (staying at N.Z.A.C. Hut).

Leader: Don French, ph 73543  
 Grading: Fitness and experience essential  
 Cost: Approx. \$23.00 includes Hut fees  
 Departs: Friday 6.30 p.m.

### **12 September – POHANGINA SADDLE**

Now for something a little nearer to home.

Leader: Peter Darragh, ph 35633  
 Grading: Easy – medium  
 Cost: Approx. \$5.00  
 Departs: Sunday 6.00 a.m.

### **16 September Thursday – INFORMAL CLUB NIGHT**

Practice night to select quiz team.

Come and test your knowledge of the mountains that we go tramping in. The best four will represent our club against two other local tramping clubs. On the 28th.

### **17 - 19 September – EGMONT TAHURANGI LODGE**

A trip to the shining peak of Taranaki to practice those cramponing techniques. Trips round the mountain and up to the summit if conditions will 'go'. Snow and ice experience a necessity, plus an ability to tramp up steep slopes with only a Wanganui 'greasy' as fuel.

Leader: Mike Freeman ph 71785  
 Grading: Fitness Essential  
 Cost: Approx. \$21 includes hut fees)  
 Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday

### **18 – 19 September – POHANGINA RIVER VIA NGAMOKO RANGE**

A weekend trip visiting the middle of the Pohangina Valley (Leon Kinvig Hut) crossing over via Tunapo and Toko on the Ngamoko Range.

Names to: Catherine Farquhar  
 Grading: Medium/Fit  
 Cost: Approx \$6.00  
 Departs: Saturday 6.00 a.m.

### **22 – 26 September – TARARUAS TARN RIDGE**

Journey into the winter heights of the Tararuas, another of those trips that gives you the thrill of the Southern Alps without having to pay the travel costs. Come prepared with lots of wool (or fibre pile if you don't mind putting the sheep out of business!) Storm gear essential.

Leader: Daryl Rowan, 70217  
 Grading: Fit (Medium trip if enough interest)  
 Cost: Approx. \$8.00  
 Departs: Friday 6.30 p.m.

### **25 and/or 26 September**

Day trip to be organised in conjunction with the weekend trip.

### **28 September – TUESDAY CLUB NIGHT**

THE QUIZ OF THE CENTURY!!! Between M.U.A.C. M.T.S.C. and **US**. To be held at the M.T.S.C. Club Rooms – Jaycee Hall in Lombard Street.

Starting 8.00 p.m. TUESDAY - Come and support your Club. (N.B. If you belong to more than one, get your priorities right and support PNTM.C.)

### **FUTURE TRIPS**

1 – 3 October – M.U.A.C. Hut Ruapehu

10 - October – Bicycle trips over the ranges

16 - 17 October – Tararua Explorations

(Also, Whangaehu Hut has been booked for 8 - 10 October.)

IDEAS FOR LABOUR WEEKEND??? (23 - 25 October) – Don't keep them to yourself! Contact Trip Convenor Mike Freeman ph 71785, **SOON!**

### **NOTICES**

- The Club is making a donation to Taranaki Search and Rescue as a gesture of thanks for their help on Egmont after Carol's fatal accident.

- Don French will be pleased to accept your donation. Alternatively, mail to P.N.T.M.C., P.O. Box 1217, Palmerston North.

### **TAKE NOTE:**

We have it on good authority that if hired gear is not returned promptly, Phillip will get "stropopy" (bad tempered, awkward to deal with). This is not a rumour, but a genuine plea from Phillip, so please do your bit to help maintain Phillip's good nature. (Thank you).

**FOR SALE:** - For any of the below, phone Terry, 63588 (Advertisement)

One pair of SALEWA CRAMPONS, size 4, ideal fit size 9 - 11 tramping boots, almost new, \$60.00.

One ROLLEI 35T CAMERA, weight, 13 oz ideal for tramping, \$250.00, or offers.

One B.S.A. 308 CALIBRE RIFLE with Busnell 4X.telephoto sights.

### **MEMBERSHIP LIST – CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS:**

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EDER	Jo	155 Heretaunga Street,	ph 71'785
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WILTSHIRE	Michael	29 Hereford St, Wanganui.	

### **PAST TRIPS**

#### **KAPUNI LODGE – 16 - 18th JULY**

##### Friday Evening

Tramping through town en route to Super Save, am I really as strange and conspicuous as I feel? Just think, if I wasn't such a Social outcast I too could be strutting up and down Broadway advertising for jean manufacturers.

Dawson Falls arrives, time to wake up and put on a great show of enthusiasm. Warm skin and cold sleet, just the combination for character building. A long stagger up deviously placed steps, hoping the kneecaps will hold out for just another half-hour. Still, it feels great to break in to the undisturbed snow by torchlight, where no fool has gone before. A last brief howl of sleet as we near the hut, at least I think the hut is somewhere near here!

Saturday Morning

No improvement, time to relax over endless mugs of steaming coffee and toil through ageing Readers Digests and Time Magazines. A clearing in the mist gives us an afternoon's objective - Priests Fingers look close enough for a bit of exercise, but far enough for us to say we actually did something. Falling through snowy leatherwood, finally on to the slopes, good to get the lungs working, wait a minute, how did I get to be in front? Must remember to take more photos and get in at the back of the line.

Getting a bit breezy up on this ridge, time to adopt a low profile, can't actually resort to crawling, no points for style! Stopping to put on our crampons, my pack decided it didn't like its airy rest and promptly left by the quickest route. So after a minor detour, we retrieved the prodigal pack and lined up for some glissade practice. After exhibiting a variety of descent postures, to the hut contingent, we tackled the leatherwood again and settled in at the hut with great expectations for the morrow.

Sunday Morning

No such luck! The general consensus is that it's pit bashing weather. However, by smoko time us hyperactives were on the move again practising our white-out navigation en route to Syme Hut. After a few moments of self-doubt we blundered into Syme toilet! A few minutes of hacking at the ice found us in the shelter of Syme Hut. We gave the 'philips' five minutes to catch up but as their astronavigational computer terminal was on the blink, they had just decided on doing a few circumnavigations of Phantoms Peak before returning to a more civilised climate.

On the whole a worthwhile outing, and a note to anyone going to Egmont via Dawson Falls. The Information Centre exhibition is well worth a visit.

We were: Sean Barber, Philip Beech, Philip Budding, Colin Hoare, Mike Freeman, Spencer Walker and Peter Wiles.

**18<sup>th</sup> July 1982 – DAY TRAMP TO THE NGAMOKO RANGE**

Five of us set off on an overcast morning and, after some indecisive road navigation, ended up at the Umutoi North Road roadend. Some further problems were encountered in reconciling the layout of the recently altered road end with what appears on the map, but when we found the track up to the tops we made good progress. While we went up, the clouds came down, accompanied by some strong gusty winds. Above the bush line snow covered everything except the tallest tussocks and leatherwood bushes as we made our way to the nearest summit (un-named, 4550 ft at GR 512781) which we reached at noon. After testing the water in the rain gauge we retreated to the relative shelter of some leatherwood clumps (they have their uses) for a cold lunch, before making a swift descent from the wind, cloud and sleet to somewhat more clement conditions below.

Participants were Nannette and Peter Clough, Catherine Farquhar, Daryl Rowan and Nora flight.