



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER  
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## ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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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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## DAY TRIPS AND ALTERNATIVES

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

### 28 September – TUESDAY CLUB NIGHT

THE QUIZZ 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's Hall in Lombard Street.

Starts 8.00 p.m. Tuesday

Support your club – P.N.T.M.C.

### 1 – 3 October – RUAPEHU – TUROA (MUAC HUT)

Come and try some climbing on the Girdlestone Peak. Bring your garden shovel and compete in the annual snowcaving competition! (Skiing may only be attempted with special permission from the committee.)

Leader:	Mike Freeman 71-785
Grading:	Mostly fit, but all, if demand warrants
Cost:	Approx \$16.00 (includes hut fees)
Departs:	Friday 6.30 p.m.

### 2 – 3 October

Advanced Avalanche Awareness Course. Phone Terry Crippen at 63-588 for details.

### 3 October – KAPITI ISLAND – NATIVE BUSH RESERVE

Inquiries to Mike Freeman, phone 71-785

We have 12 places booked, so be in early. Don't miss this opportunity to see the native birds and some members of M.U.A.C. (Apparently, the latter venture out during warm sunny spells!)

**7 October – COMMITTEE MEETING**

To be held at 155 Heretaunga Street at 7.45 p.m.

**8 – 10 October – RUAPEHU – TUKINO (N.Z.A.C. HUT)**

For all those thwarted in the last attempt, here is the last chance to visit the area before the summer thaw sets in. Entertaining aerobatics will be provided on the Cathedral Rocks. Snow and ice experience are desirable.

Leader: Trevor Bissell 73-543  
 Grading: Fit/F.E. (If someone doesn't contact Trev.)  
 Cost: Approx \$18.00 (includes hut fees)  
 Departs: Friday 6.30 p.m.

**10 (or 9) October – BICYCLE TRIP OVER/AROUND/TO THE RANGES**

The ideal way to get the tramping muscles in trim for the summer trips. A variety of trips are envisaged with a general meeting for lunch at the Balance Bridge. Contact Kevin A.S.A.P. and arrange specific trips.

Leader: Kevin Pearce 70-217  
 Grading: None  
 Departs: Provisionally 8.00 a.m.

**14 October – INFORMAL CLUB NIGHT**

A chance to see the Kaimanawa Feral Horses, (on slides). In January 1982 a census and behaviour analysis was carried out on these wild horses. Come along and learn something about the horses and the results of the study.

**15 – 17 October – TARARUAS THREE KINGS**

Return to the Tararuas, an inspection of the Three Kings and the 'new Angle Knob' is envisaged. (Don't ask what happened to the old one.)

Leader: Roger Redmayne – Pahiatua 8991  
 Grading: Medium/Fit  
 Cost: Approx \$7.00  
 Departs: Friday 6.30 p.m.

A Saturday/Sunday trip will also be organised.

**17 October – NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSION**

Barry Scott will lead an easy day photo tour en route to Herepai Hut in the North Eastern Tararuas.

Leader: Barry Scott 71-731  
 Grading: You and your camera  
 Cost: Approx \$4.00  
 Departs: Sunday 7.00 a.m.

**22 - 25 October - LABOUR WEEKEND: LAKE WAIKAREMOANA**

This is your chance to see this famous lake. Three full days on the track should allow everyone to circumnavigate the lake and visit all the sites en route.

Leaders: Peter and Nanette Clough 61-271  
 Grading: Easy/Medium  
 Cost: Approx \$16.00  
 Departs: Friday 6.30 p.m.

**22 October – LABOUR WEEKEND: SNOWCAVING ON RUAPEHU**

With ideal snow conditions, here is the chance to set up an alpine base and tour the summit plains of Ruapehu.

Leader: Peter Darragh 35-633  
 Grading: Medium/Fit  
 Cost: Approx \$12.00  
 Departs: Saturday 6.00 a.m.

**28 October - CLUB NIGHT**

Laurie Kennedy, a well known mountaineer from Palmerston North will be speaking on his recent two year stay in Florida. He visited interesting places such as the Everglades, (A. wilderness without hills) and the Grand Canyon.

**FUTURE TRIPS**

29 - 30 October – Central Ruahines, Waterfall Hut  
 6 - 7 November – Wanganui River cycle trip  
 13 - 14 November – Southern Ruahines

**25 November – CLUB NIGHT**

Allan Gardener, a well known local canoeist will be speaking and showing slides on canoeing in the local region.

**NOTICES**

**New Members:** Nigel and Leslie Barlow  
 Douglas Strachan

Membership List: BARLOW – Nigel and Leslie, 33 Ruamahanga Cres.  
 Palmerston North - Ph 63-267  
 LUPTON – Trev, C/- Opihi Nursery, Snodgrass Road, Te Puna,  
 R.D. 2, Tauranga  
 PATTERSON – Murray, 14 Pencarrow Street, Palmerston North  
 Ph 82-826  
 RICKARD – Reg and Trudy, 9 Goodwin Crescent, Palmerston North  
 Ph 68-944  
 STRACHAN – Douglas, 117 Pahiatua Street, Palmerston North  
 Ph 75-732  
 Van TOOR – Eric, P.O. Box 827, Wanganui. Ph Wang. 58-091  
 WALKER – Spence, 159 Cargill Street, Dunedin. Ph 776-576

**Club Dinner – 11 November**

The Chalet. This should be an excellent evening. We are arranging a guest speaker for the night. Tickets are \$10.00 each, (excluding drinks), available from either, Donald French, Terry Crippen, or Catherine Farquhar.

**Alpine Calendars:**

The Club has ordered a number of calendars for resale to Club Members at a discount price. Contact Don French and make sure you get a copy of this popular calendar.

**Ice Axe:**

One ice axe recently "just arrived" at the Gear Custodian's residence. It is not a club ice axe so if you think it is yours and you wish to claim it, tackle Philip Budding, ph 85-936.

**An Ethical Dilemma:**

Our Treasurer has recently received a family membership subscription from Keith and Dot. Should it be accepted? The Committee would like to hear club member's thoughts on the matter. (Preferably at the next A.G.M.)

**Previous Trips:****SNOWCRAFT I RUAPEHU**

Good weather and lots of instruction were had by the people on the Snowcraft I Course on Ruapehu. After a pleasant night sleeping out in the bush we made our way to the N.Z. Alpine Club Hut on the Whakapapa side learning to kick and chop steps, self arrest and generally walk on snow. After reaching the hut we got use to rope work and shaft belays. Sunday saw more step cutting and belaying in the Dome area due to the quite firm snow conditions. Returning to the vehicles also involved a long spell of step cutting down hill with full packs. Good practice!

The instructors, pupils and hangers-on were:

Catherine Farquhar, Barry Scott, Terry Crippen, Nannette and Peter Clough, Karyn Bishop, Eric van Toor, Peter Wiles, Mike Freeman, Spencer Walker, Kimo Wiltshire, Max Grant, Terry Weeks, Doug Strachan, Sean Barker, Daryl Rowan, Russell Irving, and Roger Redmayne.

**1 August**

There was little interest shown in the scheduled trip to Maropea, however, Keith Miller, Nora Flight, Dick Walton and Susan Newett enjoyed a day trip to Herepai.

**6 - 8 August SNOWCRAFT II WHAKAPAPA RUAPEHU**

Definitely a mixed bunch - encouraged and disciplined by one ailing, but persistent, Peter Darragh. We were: Sally Hewson, Sharon Paterson, Catherine Farquhar, Don French, Stevey Moore, Roger Redmayne and Eric van Toor.

Consensus of opinion: A worthwhile weekend.

**8 August DAY TRIP – NGAMOKO RANGE**

Six of us went for a wander in wet misty conditions, up Shorts Track then north along to Toka and down via Knights Track. Very strong winds, plenty of snow and poor visibility gave us some navigation practice. We were: Nora Flight, Peter Wiles, Damniene Eder, Jo Eder, Terry Crippen and John Barkla.

**13 - 15 August NORTHERN CROSSING**

As the ice axe was driven in the cornice broke off and slid rapidly out of sight down the snow slope. The ridge rose crested into the mists above. Some epic of mountaineering in one of the great mountain ranges of the world? Yes, a winter crossing of the Tararuas with only one ice axe between two!

We started as a foursome, Roger Redmayne, Nora Flight, Kevin Pearce and Catherine Farquhar. We travelled to the Ohau Pipe Bridge, courtesy of Newmans and a local taxi. The trip into South Ohau was straight forward, the river low, the night dry but dark. Next morning we separated at the top of the Yeates track. Catherine's sore throat had worsened and she and Nora "Nightingale" exited from the ranges, via the Dora and Gable End tracks. The intrepids, Kevin and Roger continued on over storm lashed tops to wind rocked Tarn Ridge Hut where they spent the night.

Sunday's dawn arrived in accord with the normal patterns and cycles of nature and the rain emerged into a grey world with a centimetre or two of fresh snow. Rapid progress was made until the lower slopes of Girdlestone where patches of older harder snow were encountered. It became apparent that the traverse of Girdlestone Bocket and Mitre would be a hazardous undertaking. The decision was therefore taken to descent into the head of the Waingawa and to follow the river down. This decision automatically ensured a long tedious day and a late return home. No description can be given of the track between Arete Forks and Cow Creek huts in a family publication such as this. However, the track gives some idea of what could be in store for all naughty trampers in some Dantean after life. Eventually we arrived at the road end to find that our transport had left some 30 minutes earlier. A long road walk brought us to a telephone and eventually home.

**4 - 5 September HOLDSWORTH**

A red sunrise forecasted Saturday's weather as the eight of us made our way over to Holdsworth. We went via Gentle Annie to Mountain House and then to the new deluxe Powell Hut for lunch. A smart Lockwood with red roof, mattresses and two bogs.

Due to weather being slightly wet and cold we decided to indulge in the luxuries of Powell for the night, (with murmurs from a keen bod about going onto Jumbo effectively muffled), and nabbed bunk space before the crowds arrived. Two of our number "Bared the Elements" and practised some navigation further up Holdsworth. After a warm night we took advantage of the lifted cloud and went up Holdsworth before returning to the lodge via Mt House and Atiwhakatu Stream. Party members were Julie Cade, Susan Cade, Nigel Seebeck, Colleen Billet, Nora Flight, Mike Manson, Pam Spittle and Keith Millar.

**RUAPEHU – TUKINO SIDE 4 - 5 SEPTEMBER**

A totally brilliant night for walking into Whangaehu Hut at about 6500 ft on the eastern side of Ruapehu; clear sky, full moon and no wind. We didn't even need our torches. Half of us "decided" to climb half way up Cathedral Rocks before descending to the hut. We should have done all our climbing then since by 8.00 a.m. Saturday morning when we woke up it had poohed out in a big way – total white out and strong winds. So all Saturday was spent playing two games of Monopoly and avoiding going to the bog. Come Sunday, same weather so off home early to watch T.V. (or S.A.) .

We was - Philip<sup>2</sup> Budding & Beech, Terry Crippen, Trev Bissell, Catherine Farquhar, John Barkla, Daryl Rowan, Big Stevey Moore, Eric van Toor, Peter Wiles.

(N.B. Trevor won the first game of Monopoly, Catherine won the second.)