



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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PALMERSTON NORTH

NEWSLETTER

November/December 1982

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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.

DAY TRIPS AND ALTERNATIVES

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

23 November – Bushcraft Preparation Night

For all those intent on going bushcrafting this weekend (and those who can't, but still need the practice! E.g. Mike Freeman and Don French will probably be eager students!)

Meet at Supersave Car park at 7.00 p.m., for transport to classroom-type facilities.

Names to: Kevin Pearce 70217

25 November – Club Night

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

Supper duties: Philip Budding, Peter and Nanette Clough

27 – 28 November – Bushcraft/Navigation

From Kiriwhakapapa road end.

Absolutely essential course for all budding and blossoming trampers and climbers. The mystique of navigation will be revealed, together with the details of all the other sacred tramping patents. You will need map NZMS Sheet 158 Masterton and compass.

Leader: Kevin Pearce 70217
Grading: All and sundry
Cost: Approx \$8
Departs: 6.30 a.m. Saturday

2 December – Committee Meeting

At the Crippen/Farquahr/Patterson residence, 24 Morris Street.

3 – 5 December – Tarn Ridge / Waiohine Pinnacles

Some real tops travel for those who need a north westerly breath of fresh air in preparation for South Island Trips.

Leader: Darryl Rowan 70217
Grading: Fit (possibly a medium variation.)
Cost: Approx \$6
Departs: Probably 6.30 p.m. Friday

5 December – Ecological education excursion

Mike Greenwood (Palmerston North's answer to David Bellamy) will reveal the innermost secrets of our native vegetation. The trip will go through some lush Tararua Bush. So come along and find out what makes our fascinating flora flower.

Leader: Mike Greenwood (R.F.B.S.) 80869
Grading: All welcome
Cost: Approx \$5
Departs: Sunday 7.00 a.m.

11 - 12 December – Christmas at Rangī

At last! The 'Ascot' of the tramping year has arrived. Time to dig out your tails and top hats and stroll up to Rangī for a Sunday luncheon. A cold buffet will be organised, and participants are expected to arrive from all points of the compass.

'Master' of Ceremonies: Jo Eder 71785
Grading: Various trips will be going
Cost: Approx \$5 and lunch costs
Depart: Friday and Saturday, but mostly Sunday

17 - 19 December – Egmont – Tahurangi Lodge

A summer trip to the 'milk mountain' plenty of trips possibilities. An excursion to some of the lesser-known Egmont rock-climbs is on the agenda. (Friday night walk up.)

Leader: Mike Freeman 71785
Grading: Medium and Fit
Cost: Approx \$21 including Hut fees
Departs: Friday 6.30 p.m.

Local Christmas / New Year Trips

Anyone interested in doing some tramping or climbing over the holiday period get in touch with one of the following

Kathy and Vaughan Crow 86569
Mike Freeman 71785

21 – 24 January – Kaimanawas - Anniversary Weekend

A full 3 days in these undulations should satisfy all those specimens fresh from the Mainland.

Names to: John Barkla 73543
Grading: Fit and Medium Trips
Cost: Approx \$12
Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday

Future Trips

January 29 - 30	Whanganui Bay Mike Freeman 71785
February 5 – 6	Lake Oriwa (E. Tararuas) Sharon Patterson 63588

NOTICES:

1. **New Member:**
Linda Herdman 53 Waterloo Crescent ph 75484

2. For any keen types contemplating a Southern Crossing, **Alpha Hut** has been burnt down. The dog kennel, however, remains intact!

3. **Federated Mountain New Zealand Inc.)**

The Committee has received a memo from the FMC regarding clubs resigning the FMC. They are interested to know our views and opinions on such matters as:

- where the FMC is going
- are their aims too narrow minded?
- what do we want them to do?

If you are interested in commenting, please write to:

Chris Garton
Membership Convenor FMC
67 Cornford Street
Karori
WELLINGTON

by December 15

4. **Hallmark Mountain Marathon 26 – 27 February 1983**

Hallmark International and the New Zealand Orienteering Federation are organising a two day test of route finding, stamina and equipment in the Tongariro National Park. The event is for pairs of competitors over courses of varying lengths with prizes worth over \$1300 being offered. For more information contact Lorraine Tremain, phone 80971.

5. **Season's Greetings**

Seasons Greetings are extended to all members and friends. May your tramping and climbing be enjoyable and safe. See you next year.

PAST EVENTS:

9 – 10 October – Whangehu, Ruapehu

After a trip planned for 2 - 5, finally 3 people got sorted out and arrived at the car park on the Tukino side of the mountain in the small hours of Saturday morning. Following a short pit stop we left the van for a 50 minute road bash to the skifield. In great sunny weather arrived at the NZAC hut for a very early lunch then headed up the glacier, and on to Cathedral Rocks. Wind prevented many attempts here so wandered over to Crater Lake for a quick look and then back to the hut. Darryl tried very hard to lose some of his gear to the wind but was unsuccessful – or fortunate! An entertaining evening was spent watching the formation of a particular cloud. Sunday's weather poohed out so a full storm gear plod back to the van followed.

Trevor Bissell, Sharon Patterson, Darryl Rowan.

7 November – Rock Ramblers Incorporated

While some folks were getting excess doses of Vitamin D in Wanganui, Peter Darragh, Mike Freeman and Daryl Rowan went off to clamber about in the mist at the seaside. We attempted a ridiculous climb above and to the left of Shake (reputedly climbed by Messers Beech, Budding, French and Seebeck). Peter managed to grovel up, needless to say I floundered around uselessly and I would like to see it done without a rest.

RSVP Mike Freeman.

6 - 7 November – Cycling at Wanganui

As a Club trip with a difference we transported our bikes to Wanganui and based ourselves at Eric's place for a weekend of cycling.

On the Saturday, under Eric's guidance we were able to get geographically confused, losing the other half of our group who went to the wrong tower by mistake to get a overall view of Wanganui. After sorting out this navigation problem and stopping for a relaxed lunch we finally made it out to Holly Lodge, the local vineyard for some wine tasting, and getting supplies for the Bar - B - Que that night.

Sunday was a pedal up the Wanganui River, to just past the Ahuahu Valley 25 miles from town. It was exceedingly hot that day so swims were in order to relax the aching muscles and backsides. The long slow climb up the big hill on the way back was almost too much – in the heat of the day. Most walked up it, others pedalled from shady patch to shady patch.

A really enjoyable and social weekend. Thanks Eric. We were Diane Miller, Diane Stanley, Colin Hoare, Terry Crippen, Keith Pollock, Dot Brown, Damienne Eder, Trevor Bissell, Nannette and Peter Clough, Eric van Toor.

LABOUR WEEKEND AT LAKE WAIKAREMOANA

A party of 12 travelled up to Urewera National Park on Labour Weekend to walk the Waikaremoana Track from North to South (anticlockwise). After a long and gruelling drive up on Friday night, which claimed at least two possums and a rabbit, one of our vehicles ended up in the motor camp by the lake while the other stopped at the Park Headquarters where its passengers squatted for what remained of the night.

On Saturday we awoke to blue sky and sunshine but the start of tramping was delayed by a tortuous drive to the start of the track and the need to position vehicles at either end. Travelling initially in two groups the track took us past bays with various shades of blue water and through surprisingly open bush. After some 6 hours of tramping we reached Mauriti Bay, where the hut was filled with boat-loads of fishermen, so we camped among the trees in relative shelter from the wind and rain which came in the night.

Sunday started promisingly but was soon punctuated by intermittent showers and hail. Around noon, 5 of us detoured up a picturesque valley of mossy trees and boulders for a moist lunch at the Korokoro Falls, before catching up the others at Waiopaoa Hut. There followed a long haul up the face of the Panekiri Range involving much clambering over roots and rocks and wallowing in mud, then an undulating route to Panekiri Hut where we double bunked amidst crowds of other trampers, after some 9 hours tramping.

A fresh fall of snow clothed the bush on Monday morning when we set off, following scenes of considerable chaos in the crowded hut. The going was relatively easy along the top of the range, offering spectacular views over the lake and surrounding forests, before making along and easy descent down the Panekiri Bluffs to reach the road around lunchtime. The shuttle with vehicles between either end of the lake gave most of us time to wash, change and outstay our welcome at the motor camp(!) and we left the lake in the early afternoon in a downpour. Despite the weather, the crowded huts and the fact that one of our party sustained a strained leg and had to be ferried across the lake midway through the trip, we had a varied and enjoyable tramp whilst Palmerston was languishing in the rain and cold.

We were: Nanette and Peter Clough, Jo and Patricia Eder, Priscilla Porter, David Timmins, Lorraine Tremain, Reg and Trudi Rickard, Peter Wiles, Dick Walton and Susan Newell.

CAROL CULLEN – OBITUARY

Carol moved from Dunedin to Palmerston North in 1979 to complete her M.Sc. at Massey University. On obtaining her degree, with distinction in Plant Science, she took up a position with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as a scientist at the Seed Testing Station.

Carol joined P.N.T.M.C. in 1980 and was on the committee as editor at the time of her death. Her tramping activities however date back to her time with O.U.T.C. in the South Island, so she readily fitted into the activities of our Club. Beginning with easier trips, Carol soon proved capable of taking part and leading the harder trips.

Trips such as those to the Red Hill area of the Richmond Range and the Manson-Mt Meany area of the Kawekas were made more enjoyable with Carol's company. Last summer a party of three, including Carol, did a straightforward Young-Wilkin-Matukituki trip. It was Carol who got us up and away most mornings, and she would often be out in front route-finding while the two males in the party lagged behind. On another occasion it was Carol who decided that we would do a day 'Rangi-Howletts' crossing of the Ruahines instead of heading back to Rangi Hut, as we stood on Mangahua enjoying perfect weather. This turned into a long day but was one of my most enjoyable day tramps. It was Carol who carried the repaired water tank up to Rangi Hut, with it strapped to her pack on her back crossing the swing bridge - a memorable sight.

This enthusiasm of Carol's was complimented by her quiet sensible nature, so that others readily accepted her suggestions. There was often an element of friendly competition originating from the 'men' in the Club. Carol accepted this as one of the features associated with this male dominated activity, while at the same time retaining her femininity.

Rushing over the countryside just to reach the objective was not her aim. Besides being a fit and competent trumper, Carol had a love of the forest and mountain environment, enriched by her considerable botanical knowledge, which made trips more enjoyable for herself and her companions. She was always ready to impart this knowledge to others, and many of us are more aware of native orchids and other delicate plants thanks to her.

Her sphere of friends extended beyond the tramping Club and she was liked and respected by many others in Palmerston North and elsewhere, including her colleagues at Massey University and at M.A.F.

Over the two years I knew Carol, as a flatmate and fellow trumper, she became a good friend and companion. There will always be a place in my thoughts for Carol, and the hills now have an extra significance as a result of her short time with us.

T. F. C.