



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, FERGUSSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP, YOU MUST ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP, CONTACT THE PERSON RUNNING THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

COMING EVENTS:

25 - 26 June - Ruapehu Climbing

An attempt to do some routes on Cathedral Rocks.

Leader:	Sharon Patterson, ph 73543
Grading:	F.E.
Departs:	11 p.m. Friday 24 June
Cost:	Approx \$20

30 June - CLUB NIGHT Photographic competition

Bring along your slides and prints and see how they compare with other Club members. All photographs which the judge considers to be of acceptable quality for entry shall be awarded and acceptance and those of exceptional quality shall be awarded honours. Entries close immediately prior to judging and will be restricted to 3 photos in any class.

There will be 3 sections: a) monochrome prints
 b) colour prints
 c) colour slides

and within each section there will be 3 classes:

1. Landscape
2. Topical - people and action shots
3. Natural history - plants, animals, birds, geology etc.

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

6. If you ordered Club Tee-shirts recently it's time now to pay up please! There will be a few extra shirts available for those who forgot to place an order. Contact Damienne, ph 71785

7. **For sale** Valdor double ski mountaineering boots
Two pair: sizes 6 and 10
As new: were 765 francs, now \$150 o.n.o.

Valdor Double mountaineering boots. size 6'
As new: \$120

8. **Conservation week** – 30 July – 7 August 1983

The theme for this year's Conservation Weeks is 'Forgotten Habitats Matter.' While it is comparatively easy to focus public attention on large scenic areas such as forests, lakes and mountains, it is often forgotten that many forms of wildlife depend on smaller less visible habitats. These too, must be protected if our natural heritage is to be preserved. For example, salt marshes, mud flats and mangrove swamps are the breeding and feeding grounds for many of our economically important fish species. They also support large seasonal populations of wading birds, many of them migratory, so that what we do in N.Z. can have far-reaching effects on the wildlife of other countries as well as our own.

This year during Conservation Week, attention will be drawn to eight 'forgotten' habitats

1. Alpine tussock grassland
2. Lowland scrub and tussock
3. Swamps and bogs
4. Coastal and lowland forest remnants
5. Salt marshes
6. Mangrove swamps
7. Sand dunes
8. Man-made habitats such as windbreaks, pasture land, ponds and ditches, orchards, roadside verges

and gardens.

Watch out for displays, radio and T.V. programmes and feature articles in Conservation magazines and newspapers.

9. Ian Gordan gets it almost right (Listener Language column):

"Among the authentic local baking-terms the one I find most evocative is the Tararua biscuit. It comes in high-fibre high-calorie slabs generally baked by young males in secret when Mum is watching T.V. Two generations of Wellington dentists must have made a tidy income from its inroads."

Shouldn't it be Bissell and Palmerston North dentists?

ACCOUNTS OF PAST TRIPS:

Mt. Cook Adventure

In February this year two intrepid P.N.T.M.C. members headed south to the Mecca of N.Z. climbing. Being mere Tararua trampers cum part-time Ruapehu climbers we were not sure quite what we were letting ourselves in for, consequently we were unprepared for the Tavern Bar, Smorgasbord at the Hermitage and the premature devaluation of the dollar at the Mt. Cook store.

After last May's weather fiasco some sunburn would not have been unwelcome and unlike many people at Mt Cook this season we had a spell of excellent weather. The only drawback was that, we could not utilise the good weather more effectively as we seemed to find more than our fair share of traps for young players.

The climbs we managed during the two weeks were Mt. Sealy N.E. ridge, Aiguille Rouge North ridge, Ellie de Beaumont - Anna Glacier, and multiple trips up, down and even in the Tasman Glacier. Some of the notable events of the trip included:

1. Large parts of Mt. Sealy's north side attempting and nearly succeeding to knock us off the mountain. Fortunately better conditions were found on the south side.

2. The epic 500 card game in the Tasman Saddle Hut where the better half of the team joined up with Bill Denz to narrowly beat myself and a Canterbury University climber.

3. Spending 5 hours in, one day, walking between Unvin Hut and the Hermitage, After Sharon went back to P.N. I teamed up with John Goulstone and Mike Freeman (Scottish climber) and went up to Plateau Hut. We managed two climbs before the weather deteriorated; south ridge of Dixon and Anzacs via Cinerama Col. On our way back to P.N. the 3 of us went rock climbing at Mt. Horrible which is situated approx 5 miles east of Timaru. Mt. Horrible is a really worthwhile crag to visit. The climbs are not too strenuous and mostly of medium difficulty. It's not hard to guess where I'll be next year.

We were Sharon Patterson, Steve Moore

May 22nd – Skiing at Rangī

With the weather looking totally uninviting for the Mangaweka trip to the Ruahines, a change to skiing at Rangī was eagerly accepted. Hire skis collected, we soon wound our way up to Rangī, although we did get the vehicle stuck on the lawn at Carroll Street first.

After discussing the merits of carrying skis versus attaching them to the pack, we tramped up to the hut reaching odd patches of snow soon after leaving the carpark. A quick change from tramping boots to skiing boots and we were off to a basin not far above the hut. Don and Darryl having skins were soon ahead but did stop to give the rest of us lots of useful instruction.

Although very wet some basics were grasped and the ski back to the hut resembled something akin to water skiing. Late lunch over, no-one was prepared to head back in the storm so it was back down the track and homeward bound.

Those taking part were: Darryl Rowan, Don French, Sharon Petterson, Catherine Farquhar and John Barkla.

Nelson Lakes – Queen's Birthday Weekend

Don French joined forces with Tongue and Meats in Nelson Lakes National Park for Queen's Birthday Weekend. A water taxi was used to get to the upper end of Lake Rotoiti followed by a casual walk to Cupola Basin, arriving at 1.30. An hour later we left to wade our way through the snow to the summit of Cupola at sunset to return to the hut by dark.

The following day saw him with four others climb Mt Hopeless via the Couloir route then they descended to the sunless Hopeless Creek Hut for the night. Next day out and home. \$75 of transport for three fantastic days.

June 4 – 6 – An Impromptu Ruapehu Trip

Saturday:

Eight of us snow-hungry bods crawled up the Turoa slopes of Ruapehu equipped for a full scale assault on the south face of Douglas. After staggering to the summit most thoughts turned to soft mattresses and sleeping bags, so after a brief sunbathe we all dispersed to various strategic positions to do a bit of spectating.

Catherine F. and John B. set up (Motor)camp on the summit plateau, John B. dug a trench while the rest of us crowded into Whangaehu Hut, (On the Eastern Slopes) with some real characters from the older generation. They had an average age of about 50 and all made it to the summit on the following day. (You've never too old for it!)

Sunday:

Giving our elders a head start we chased after them, up the glacier to Cathedral Rocks for a play at ice-climbing. After the performance, we regrouped for lunch on the Plateau and watched the two Johns scurrying about Tukino looking for something to climb. In the afternoon there were various trips to Te Heu Heu, Tukino, Dome and Paretaitekonga.

Monday:

Yet another fine day!! With growing apprehension about the abilities of our bodies to maintain the pace, we all loaded up and set off. Three masochists split off, intent on peak-bagging while others were satisfied with taking a more direct return route, (apart from John R who got involved with some ex M.U.A.C.s). The peak-baggers went via Pyramid Knob, Mitre and Girdlestone.

We were John Barkla, Philip Budding, Catherine Farquhar, Mike Freeman, Kevin Pearce, John Roberts, Linda Russ and Nigel Seebeck.

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