

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held in the Club room on Friday, October 2nd, with an attendance of about 30 members. After the reading of the Annual Report the meeting proceeded to the election of an executive. The Patron, Mr. E. J. Herrick and the President, Dr. D. A. Bathgate were re-elected, while the following Vice-Presidents were nominated unopposed: Messrs. H. Chambers, D. Christie, S. Craven.

Nominations for the committee showed a fine field of talent available. Miss L. Matheson, Mrs. K. M. Elder and Messrs. C. Higgs, L. Holt, R. Keys, I. Powell and J. von Dadelszen were declared elected, and the new committee later in the proceedings appointed the following officers: Hon. Secretary, Mr. Lloyd Wilson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. J. Green; Club Captain, Mr. N. Elder.

The following motions were introduced and carried after more or less discussion:-

That the Club incorporate.

That the annual subscription be raised to 12/6 inclusive of club room levy.

That the club join the Hastings Historical Society.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

The President's annual report was as follows:-

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Inauguration of Club: On Monday Sept. 30th 1935 a meeting of those interested in tramping was held. There were present Mesdames Bathgate, Elder, D.T. Christie, R. Keys, H.A. Fitzgerald, together with Messrs. N. Elder, D.T. Christie, R. Keys, H.A. Fitzgerald, J.W. Palmer, W. Rainbow, H. Kitt, I. Powell, S. Craven, G. Christie and Dr. Bathgate.

It was decided to form a Tramping Club to be known as the Heretaunga Tramping Club and the following officers were elected.

Patron: Mr. E. J. Herrick.

President: Dr. D. A. Bathgate.

Vice Presidents: Messrs. H. Chambers, H.A. Fitzgerald, J. W. Palmer.

Secretary: Mr. Gordon Christie.

Corresponding Secretary: Lloyd Wilson.

Hon. Treasurer: W. Rainbow.

Club Captain: N. Elder.

Committee: Mesdames D.T. Christie, N. Elder.  
Messrs. D.T. Christie, S. Craven, R. Keys, H. Kitt, I. Powell.

Membership: The year closed with a membership of 87 which includes several honorary members, consisting of persons who have rendered signal help to the Club during the year. We regret the loss of certain of our members who have left the district; Messrs. Kingsford, Lattey and Ogilvie, also those on the point of departure, Messrs. J. Dempsey, B. McClelland and W. Rainbow.

Tramping: In the past 12 months 27 scheduled trips have been made - 10 in the Kaweka area, 9 in the Ruahine area, 1 to Waikaremoana and the rest local, with the remarkably high average attendance of 25 members per trip.

Owing to the Hastings Saturday late shopping night the majority of fixtures have been one day trips, but fortunately Hastings is well situated in that within a radius of sixty miles road access is obtainable from as far south in the Ruahines as Ashley Clinton, to Titikura Saddle on the Maungaharura Range in the north.

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During the year Club parties have been on Otumore, Rangi O Te Atua, Trig 66 and Trig 60 in the Ruahines, and on the main trig and several other points in the Kawekas, while private parties have climbed Te Atua Mahuri, Remutupo, Tupari and Ohawai in the Ruahines, Mt. Donnelly in the Kaimanawas. A Tramping Club with headquarters at sea level which can exceed 5500' on a day trip is very well off.

Large numbers on trips have made it possible to arrange transport at a low rate per head, thus assisting members to go out frequently, but at the same time it has involved extra trouble and responsibility for the various leaders.

So far most of the trips have been made over well-marked routes, but with the increase of general tramping experience amongst members, and in the number of capable leaders and in their knowledge of the country, it should be possible in the coming year to break new ground without members finding trips any more arduous.

In addition to Club trips quite a number of private trips were carried out - one of the most meritorious being that of three Club members who tramped from Kuripapanga through the Kaimanawa Ranges to the Chateau - a six day trip.

Hut & Tracks: During the year it was decided to erect a hut as a tramping and skiing base. A site was chosen in the Kaweka Range and various working parties proceeded to lay out the building site, pack in the material and erect the hut. Two members very generously gave up a fortnight of their annual holiday and camped at the site in adverse weather conditions for the erection, the main part of which is now accomplished.

A start was also made during the year on track cutting and clearing.

Social Committee: There have been 23 Club meetings during the year for the supper arrangements of which the Social Committee have made themselves responsible. There have also been a Club picnic, two club dances in the Club room and a very enjoyable and successful Club dance on the anniversary of the Club's foundation.

During the year various useful and entertaining addresses have been given on: Skiing, Climbing, Equipment, First Aid, Bird life, Botany and Travel.

Affiliation: During the year the Club became affiliated to the Federated Mountain Clubs of N.Z. and also joined the Forest and Bird Protection Society of N.Z.

Bulletin: A number of issues, edited by the Club captain and published by Mr. J. W. Palmer, aided by Mr. Lloyd Wilson, have been produced.

Appreciation: The thanks of the Club are due  
to Mr. A. Christie for use of office for meetings,  
to various property owners who have given permission to traverse their properties,  
to various speakers who have come along to meetings to instruct and entertain the members.  
to the Ladies Committee for their work in connection with the Club dance,  
to the many good people who have helped the Club through the year in various ways.

PAST TRIPS.

- No. 26 Sept. 13th. Threatening wall of mist and rain thinned as we approached the Kawekas and half-hearted showers were the worst weather that came our way all day. The mob travelled well and reached the hut early. The latter, with its unfinished doorway and fireplace, gives rather the first impression of a shelter shed at a flag station, but it is a fine roomy structure and when completed and equipped will be just about what we want for club purposes. After lunch the party, in three gangs, toiled manfully at bringing up shingle, collecting firewood and clearing up the site. (Barn. McClelland - 30 members)
- No. 27 Sept. 27th. The weather conditions were not of the best but the party made the trip and came down the ridge to rejoin the Makaroro at Gold Creek, the thrusters making a longer trip by the inner ridge to a point further upstream. (Chas. Higgs - 23 members)
- No. 28 Oct. 11th. A large party turned out and made a pleasant round trip via Balls Clearing to Hukanui. (Les. Holt - 38 members)
- No. 29 Labour Day week-end. The party spent the night at Big Hill Station, the rain thoughtfully holding off for those sleeping out till 4 a.m. In spite of thick weather and driving rain the party had no difficulty in making No Man's Hut at 4 p.m. and contrived to sleep every body under its roof. On Monday the weather relented so far as to give intermittent views of the country till after leaving the Ruahine Hut when it settled down to pour again for the traverse of Big Hill. The party travelled well and enjoyed itself in spite of conditions. (Stan. Craven - 14 members).

CLUB ROOM EVENTS.

A St. John's Ambulance party gave a very interesting demonstration of first aid methods which was followed with close attention and brought up some very useful points. Late arrivals were somewhat startled to find the floor littered with trussed figures like a casualty clearing station.

Annual Dance. The Havelock North Town Board Hall on Sept. 17th. afforded the somewhat unusual sight of the Tramping Club dressed in its very best, celebrating its first birthday. However the first shyness soon wore off and the evening went with a swing. During supper the impressive birthday cake was cut and a couple of short speeches were made.

On 25th September Mr. J. W. Palmer gave an account of the Skiing Championships at Ruapehu.

Two lectures illustrated by exceptionally fine slides were given in the one evening on Oct. 23rd. Mr. Hugh Chambers showed a large number of Swiss and Southern Alp slides with clear and interesting comments on the routes for each peak. The Aspiring photos were particularly interesting. Dr. Irwin then took the floor with a most interesting series of views taken on the C.M.C. crossing to the West Coast by way of Mt. Lambert and the upper Adams valley.

FUTURE TRIPS. ( x indicates 'strenuous trip' for which a reasonable standard of fitness is necessary).

- No. 30. Nov. 7th & 8th. Week-end. Kidnappers. Dave Williams.  
Crayfishing and general.
- No. 31. Nov. 22nd. Makaroro River and Colenso's Spur. Norman Elder.
- No. 32. Dec. 5th & 6th. Week-end<sup>x</sup> Tukituki River at Hindman's  
and new route on to Main Range at 5330'. Ian Powell.
- No. 33. Christmas and for New Year. Kaweka Hut.  
A list will be posted in the Club room for the  
names of those going and arrangements will be made  
in accordance with the number.
- No. 34. Jan. 17th. Tutira Lake. Rolf Keys.
- No. 35. Jan. 30th & 31st. Week-end<sup>x</sup> Rangitiki Te Atua.  
A new round trip via the great south buttress.  
John von Dadelszen.

N.B. Members' subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due.

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