

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB

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Geoff Piesse has been appointed to the vacancy on the Committee due to Ian Powell's departure.

Ian Powell gives an interesting account of the recent search in the Otaki area. The search arrangements appear to have worked well and his party were successful in picking up traces and following them out.

The conference of Tramping Clubs on the Tararua National Park proposals was held in Wellington on January 30th., and a fair measure of agreement secured. A further conference is to be held about Eastertime at which a proposal to extend the scheme to include a skiing area in the Ruahines will be considered.

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PAST TRIPS

34. Tutira. January 17th. A beautiful day and some great views. The party skirted the lake and climbed "Table Mountain" and managed a couple of swims, visiting the Floating Island, which is reported to be suspiciously stable. 13 in the party.

Deputy Leaders: June Budd & D. Williams.

35 "Three Johns" January 30th, 31st. The party spent the night at the foot of the Three Johns' spur defying the wind roaring down from the ranges under a good roof with hot baths on tap. As the wind was still high in Sunday the trip was prudently taken in reverse up the Waipawa River. A Wellington party continued over the saddle and down the Waikamaka bound for the Kawhatau, while the main body ascended Three Johns under improving conditions and were back soon after 3 p.m. 16 in the party.

Leader: John von Dadelszen.

Picnic - Waimarama February 6th, 7th. About 24 spent the week-end camped in the plantation and three or four carloads came down on the Sunday. Gruesome rumours are circulating round the Club that the party went "All Scotch" and followed the bagpipes over to the old woolshed where they danced reels and strathspeys.

36 Tukituki River, February 13th, 14th. The full schedule could not be carried out under the weather conditions, the party camping about an hour up-river. The night was enlivened by the fall of a large tree which had been prudently avoided in picking a camp site. On Sunday the party went up to the site of Hallett's Hut at which level there were patches of snow, Government Spur across the valley being well covered. Several Hutt Valley members came up with Ian. Party approximately 20.

Leader: Ian Powell.

37. Makahu Stream, February 28th. After crossing the Birch Range the party lunched at the Makahu, then followed the stream down, good going in a steady grade between narrow rock walls, which provided one botanical thrill for the rearguard. At Cook's Cottage the party had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Cook, who in return had the spectacle, pretty well covering the visible spectrum, of a representative Club party. A swim at the Mohaka ended the active part of the day, and the mounted section were picked up on the way home. A particularly enjoyable trip. 24 members.

Leader: Stan Craven.

38. Kereru, Ruahine Hut. March 14th 19 members went on the trip over Big Hill and up the Ruahines to the Hut in three hours travelling time. A small party went on along the track towards No Man's Ware to a point which commanded a view of the country in the north-west and were back in two hours. The main party fed and rested. The return trip was made in 2½ hours which included a few short halts.

Leader: Geoff Piesse

PRIVATE PARTIES

In the past few weeks a party has been out over Trig 66 and two parties to the Kaweka Hut. Bern. McLelland and Chas Higgs are away to the big stuff in the South Island as is also Lloyd Wilson.

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FIXTURE LIST

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Leader</u>
39	Easter, March 26 to 29.	<u>Tongariro National Park.</u> Party limited to 23 to Chateau Motor Camp.	Les. Holt
39 a	" " "	<u>Kaweka Hut,</u> tentative fixture dependent on number going and possibilities of transport.	
40	April 11	<u>Kereru, Whakaari</u> (pa site) about 3 hours down Ohara Stream.	Norm. Elder.
41	Anzac Day April 24-25	<u>Kaweka Hut,</u> weekend.	Fred Green.
42	May 9th	<u>Puketitiri</u> Hawkstom Gorge. A new area involving some river work.	Les Holt.
43	May 23	<u>Kereru</u> Pohatuhaha	Chas Higgs
44	June 6	* <u>Blackburn</u> Broken Ridge Track	J. Moncrieff.
45	June 19 - 20	<u>Kaweka Hut</u>	D. Christie.
46	July 4	* <u>Puketitiri</u> Hot Springs	D. Williams.
47	July 18	<u>Ruahine,</u> Shut Eye Shack	J. von Dadelszen
48	Aug 1	* <u>Titikura</u> Taraponui	Lloyd Wilson.
49	Aug 15	<u>Kuitipapanga,</u> Te Ibinga	L. Matheson
50	Aug 29	* <u>Ruahine</u> Three Johns' Ridge	M. McCormick.

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