

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)

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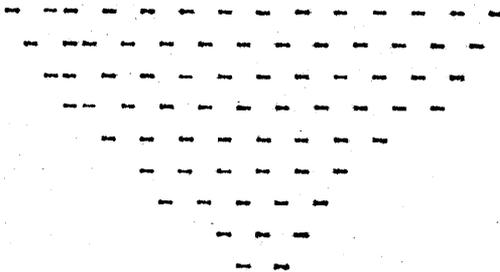
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With the approach of the Festive Season, we conform to convention by extending to all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Snappy New Year.

Bygones are let be and to comes are rapidly approaching. So far the Club has quite successfully struggled along and with the full support of all members in the Coming Year, it should blossom forth to bigger and greater efforts than were ever conceived by the original members.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The third of these meetings was held in the Chamber of Commerce Room on October the 3rd. and extracts from the Annual Report are as follows:

Membership:

It is gratifying to note that there is a slight increase over last year's figures which are shown in parenthesis.

Full members	67 (69)
Absentee Members	17 (11)
Associate Members	5 (1)
Honorary Members	<u>6 (6)</u>
Total	<u>95 (87)</u>

During the year we recorded with regret the departure of Mrs. S. Torr and Misses H. Fendall (now Mrs. N. G. Collinge), H. Bligh, and M. Milson. Messrs J. W. Lincoln, R. G. Lyon, and A. Litchfield, and wish all of them, wherever they are, every success.

Tramping:

Club Captain's Report:

Club Trips: In spite of an abnormal year of floods etc. the figures for trips and attendances are in close agreement with those for the 1936 - 1937 season. 27 fixtures were held, 10 being week-ends of longer, with an average attendance of 19 persons.

The change to Saturday half-day has had little effect on the size of week-end parties, the average attendance being fairly constant at 13. The relative popularity of the various districts is shown from the following:

10 trips to the ranges averaged 14.6 persons, the Ruahine and Kaweka Ranges showing equally. 9 trips to various points in the Foothills averaged 19, while 6 Coastal and Local trips averaged 25.6. These figures do not include the Easter and Christmas trips which were to outside Districts, but the former to Egmont was largely attended.

Working Parties:

In March Little Kaweka Hut, near Studholms' Saddle was constructed, or rather, excavated, as it was mainly hacked out of solid rock as the result of a week's work by Messrs Toop, Holt, and Callow. This has a fireplace and four sack bunks. Unfortunately the exceptional weather has prevented much use being made of what will be a valuable base for extended trips. The thanks of the Club are due to the builders for their fine efforts. After the Anzac Day Flood a volunteer working party of 7 went out to Eskdale for the week-end

and were joined by further helpers on the Sunday. Their major operation was digging up broken fences which were buried in silt on Mrs. Nicol's farm, for whose hospitality they are most grateful.

With Heavy falls of snow the track into the Hut has been obstructed by broken manuka and opportunity was taken on a Club trip to clear this roughly, and it is proposed to finish this work during the Summer.

The Club has associated itself with the Ruahine Tramping Club's building of a Hut on the Howlett's side on the divide at the head of the Tuki Tuki River. Timber was carried a stage upstream on a Club trip and two small private parties have also carried material upstream and cleared most of the Dapne Ridge track in preparation for Labour Day on which a combined working party has been arranged. A party cut off in Puketitiri by the Anzac Day Flood did some good work before walking out to Puketapu in a day.

Private Trips:

A party of 14 went to the Chateau for a week in August and Members have visited Rongotea, the Manson Hut, Poutaki Hut, Lessongs Monument, Mount Tarawera, Te Hekenga and Hikurangi (Ruahine Range) - the latter a winter ascent. Also a party made a winter crossing of the Kawekas; Some Members joined the H. V. T. C's. Christmas Trip to Mount Arthur District, spending 10 days on the Plateau and in the Leslie and Cobb Rivers.

Financial:

Treasurer's Report:

The financial position is most satisfactory as the excess of receipts over expenditure is £36.17. 3. The only real capital expenditure is the sum of £3. 1. 4 on the Little Kaweka Hut. The Transport Fund has now increased by £4.4.0 to £15.14. 6. The Committee has recommended that this sum be transferred to a Search Fund and that £10.0.0 from this year's workings be added making £25.14. 6 in all. Each year thereafter it is proposed to add £5.0.0 to the Search Fund and to subsidise Transport by £5.0.0, and, if possible, a flat charge for trips is to be introduced in order to reduce the cost to members.

Election of Officers:

After the Annual Report was read, the Meeting proceeded to the Election of Officers:

Patron	Mr. E. J. Herrick
President	E. S. Craven
Vice Presidents	Dr. D. A. Bathgate
	Mr. J.W. Palmer, D.T. Christie
Club Captain	Mr. N. L. Elder.
Secretary	Mr. R. Craig.
Treasurer	Mr. F.J. Green
Auditor	Mr. M. McCormick.
Committee	Mrs. N. Elder, Miss L. Matheson, Messrs A. Toop, L. Holt, D. Callow, J. Hannah, G. Piesse.

Election of Officers Continued:

Social Committee

Mrs. N. Elder, Misses
J. Lovell-Smith, R. Hoben,
P. Morris, Messrs W. Hayman,
and D. Cooke.Social Notes:

On the 21st. November our little Molly went and did it. It was a grand wedding, the bride looking so adorable that it is hard to understand why the male members of the Club ever allowed her to be pinched by that Wellingtonian., Rod McLeay. That night at the after function the Tramping Club turned out in full force from far and near and helped make things go. A great time was had by all. Best wishes for your future Molly.

It has been whispered that Beryl Stack is to be transferred to Wellington, but it is to be hoped that this is a mere rumour and not an actual fact.

Club Room Events:

Since the Annual General Meeting the new Social Committee has sprung into activity such as has never been seen before. In future each member is appointed to arrange entertainment and supper for each meeting and the manner in which this task is being carried out reflects credit on the Social wizards.

The 3rd. November saw the first of these entertaining evenings when Mr. W. Nimmon gave a talk on his recent trip to Java and Singapore. He described the Javanese people, their life and habits, and passed round many interesting curios. A very realistic Cambo Snake afforded much amusement and gave an idea of what a "Snake-in-the-Grass" might look like. Some of the meals in Bali, the capital of Java were magnificent affairs, as seventeen boys carried in large dishes of food from which one helped oneself, then, if difficulty is experienced through overloading diners are supplied with an extra plate. Many other interesting points were described and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Nimmon.

A delightful original supper was then served by the New Social Committee who made things go with a swoop, - or a soup.

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The Star Performer of the 17th November was Miss Van Reynolds who has lived in U.S.A. for thirteen years. Her talk was given in the form of a "questions and answers address" and members kept her fairly busy. Her description of - a day in New York - gave us an idea of what to expect in Harlem - racketeering by small boys who are growing up with the intention of becoming No. 1 grafters - lunch on the 85th floor of the Empire State Building, and a view of the city from the 102nd. floor. Miss Reynolds talk was very much appreciated by those present.

Another super-supper was turned on, Less Holt accumulating the lion's share of pineapple, doling out with a one-for-you, two-for-me touch.

Coming Events:

December 15th - Jamboree in New Scout Hall Christmas.
 January 12th Easy Evening Club Room.
 February 1st. Talk by Mr. H. Baird.
 February 16th Movies by Mr. Greer.

Transport:

The Club learns with regret that Eric Draper, whose readiness to take any party anywhere at any time, has earned our heartiest thanks, has decided not to renew his passenger license. This is hardly surprising in view of the heavy expense involved, to say nothing of the long and sometimes late hours during week-ends that our trips have been responsible for.

Investigation so far shows that cheap transport will be difficult to come by in this district, and the Club Executive are so far stuck for a solution.

Bus, transport, while luxurious, comes pretty expensive and the last two trips, though well supported, have made heavy calls on the transport fund, which but for our George Denford sharing our humble accommodation would have been even heavier.

The project for reducing transport costs will have to be postponed, or at the best considerably modified under present conditions.

Any helpful suggestions for a solution will be welcomed by the Committee.

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Private Trips:

A fairly hefty trip was undertaken recently by Doug Cooke and Gill Hayman round Kiwi Saddle and down into the Ngaruroro, but unfortunately the account of this will have to be held over until the next Bulletin.

A Private Party tackled a new route in from Big Hill up Hollow Back, coming out at Rakautonga $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours from Big Hill. The weather was wet and thick and the ridge scrubby and knocked about by snow. Over the first knee is recommended. The Saddle has a confusing blind spur running out of it South by West. No cutters were seen but some of their gear was at Ruahine Hut.

A Spot of my own troubles - by the Ed:

The most calamitous thing to report in this issue is the resignation of my right-hand woman, Lesley Matheson, from the position of Chief Setter Up, Printer, Binder etc., of the Bulletin. Club Members may not know, but apart from the typing it takes over six hours to bring the old paper through the machine. Even before I took over Lesley devoted plenty of her spare time to this thankless task and has continued to give of her best. I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation and grateful thanks for the co-operation Lesley has always given me.

Lesley even arranged the appointment of her successor, Peggy Somervell, who being generously disposed, volunteered to carry on with the printing.

The Staff on the Bulletin has been increased by one, Bruce Beechey, whom I have appointed as my Number 1 Reporter. Henceforth, Members are requested to treat him with more respect than he has had in the past, as he is now toiling for a worthy cause. If anyone has read this far, I thank you too.

PAST TRIPS:Mangatutu Gorge: 9/10/38.

Unfortunately the Leader's Report on this trip has not come to hand but will be ready in time for the New Year Publication.

Tuki Tuki River - Daphne Ridge: 22 - 24/10/38.

For a Working Trip the fact that fourteen Members turned out is quite a record. Leaving the road at 4.30 Saturday, they tramped for about two hours when they arrived at the first dump, near "Ian's Tree". The faster members of the party had already forged ahead carrying on timber etc., but were overtaken in the dark by the slower party, and all arrived at Thompson's Hut at the foot of Daphne Ridge at 7.30. Tents were pitched and the party settled down for the night. After a meal on Sunday, sixty sheets of iron and some timber were carried across the stream and by using a chain system were carried up 500 ft. over the creek by ten o'clock. Even the girls were made to work. An advance party of girls of the Ruahine Tramping Club arrived and with their help in the chain gang the material was shifted to 750 feet, where the Ridge flattens out. To make things more pleasant, the last half hour was spent in the rain. The Ruahines and Manawatus arrived in force having spent the night at the Dump. The combined strength was then 31. The balance of the timber was shifted from the Dump up to the Hut, after which a male chain was formed up the Ridge with rather more picturesque and descriptive language than had been used in the morning. At the 500 ft. mark someone counted "67 and the b - - - piece", then they ceased work for the day. Most of the parties except our gang and some of the Ruahines' retired and were soothed to sleep by doleful ditties rendered by the wide-a-wakes. Coffee all round served as a night cap and so to bed.

Monday was sufficiently fine for work without rain. The balance of materials was moved to 900 ft. and weighted down with the iron piled near by. Lunch and then pack-up and leaving at 2 p.m. a leisurely trip of three hours was made down the river.

A point of interest is that Max had turned out on the Trip blissfully unaware that it was intended to be a working party.

Ruahines 10
Wairarapa 1

Manawatu 6 Leader
Heretaunga 14 D. Callow

Rongaika: 5 - 6/11/38.

As is usual on Cape Trips the party started off by stringing out along the beach and had to be called to order by the Leader. Several Members got on the wrong side of the fence in Rabbit Gully and had to be rounded up and put on the right track. On arrival, Camp was pitched and while a meal was being prepared the Leader busied himself manufacturing a Crayfishpot. One or two lively diversions were created during the cooking by the introduction of fireworks into the fuel. Soon after dark the time-honoured customs of Guy Fawkes were observed. During the horse play the Leader was busy scooping crayfish out of their pools, and in a short time had eighteen which went very well for supper.

Sunday was an easy day which was filled in by pottering about the rocks, swimming etc. Just before Lunch, three other members arrived, and after the meal a gymnastic display was given by the more energetic members.

During the afternoon, Fred and Arch had their sleep disturbed by having boiled crayfish planted on their chests. After packing up and starting for home the less sensitive members went up to see the Gannets which, we understand, still small. Arriving back at Clifton at 5.45 everyone changed and packed into the lorry having had a good weekend, good weather, good crayfish, and good Company.

Leader:

Dave Williams.

Tupari - To Atua Mahuri:

A pretty rough trip, as Club trips go, but members pulled their weight well, in spite of slow travelling, under pretty miserable conditions and put up a good show. The Railway Bus with George at the wheel gave that de-luxe feeling and created something of a sensation at the mill, the entire child population mobilising at the double at our appearance.

After a wet morning the sky had cleared by nightfall and camp on the Makaroro flats at the foot of To Atua Mahuri was a picturesque affair. After some lusty singing

FUTURE TRIPS:

No. 85, 18/12/38. Tuki Tuki River - Raft packs down from Middle Road to the Bridge. Bathing Togs, Boats and Lilos.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR: A Xmas Trip to No Man's Hut is being fixed up with a prospect of a party of six, leaving Hastings on the Saturday and returning on Tuesday. From the Hut several trips are possible. The Hot Springs at Otupae is one and along the tops to the head of the Makaroro is another.

For those unable to make the Xmas Trip a trip to the Log Cabin on the Hogget Block (Inland Patea) is suggested. A private party into the Kaimanawa Range will be going.

No. 86 15/1/39 Tongoi Bluff to Waipataki
Leader; Harold Christie.

No. 87 22/1/39 Kidnappers - The Tararua Tramping Club are having a week-end to Kidnappers and our members should combine with them.

No. 88 4-5/2/38 Boyd's Bush - Meeting with Otaihape Tramping Club. Leader Geoff Piesse, Phone 4140.

No. 89 11-12/2/39 Waimarama Club Picnic
Organiser Les Holt, Phone 2071.

No. 90 19/2/39 Rangi-O-Te-Atua Leader Max McCormick.

No. 91 4-5/3/39 Black Circh Range - Camp in Whittle clearing and tackle direct ascent of Kaweka Trig.
Leader Doug Cooke, Phone 3613.

No. 92 19/3/39 Whakarara Range:
Poutaki Hut from Smedley. This Trip was very successful two years ago.
Leader Bill Hayman, Phone 3012.

Easter 1939:
Suggestions. Mahia Peninsula
Urewera Country via Waikaremoana
Wanganui River
Mangatepopo Hut (Tongariro.

BEST WISHES TO ALL.