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(Apologies that this got missed from the last Pohokura – Ed)

Club Captains and Huts Report 2005

Memorable trips were made to various parts of the North Island this year, and an excellent excursion to Kahurangi National Park, over the Christmas, New Year period, with a full truck consisting A B & C parties of varying numbers and ages.

The club still struggles to lure new fit younger members, which as a result, leaves A party troops thin on the ground. How to rectify this is hard, with such a variety of other sports for young people to choose from these days. There's still plenty of fit chug a lug B party types to fill the gaps and keep planned trips happening. We still get a few new members from time to time.

Our club huts are all in good shape. Recent FIRE egress windows were installed by Eddie and myself at Howletts, along with new fireproof mattresses. Kiwi Saddle needs a paint job on the roof and exterior walls sometime soon. Waikamaka is ok at present, but the dunny hole may need a new location soon.

Donations are received during the year, which is appreciated and goes towards the maintenance on our huts.

I have enjoyed my time as Club Captain and am standing down. Thanks to Mike, Graeme and the rest of the committee, for another successful year in the running of the club, and I wish the new President, [Glenda] and new committee members all the best for the coming year.

Dave Heaps

TRAINING BULLETIN



Distress Beacon Awareness Campaign from Land SAR:

1. What are the different types of beacons?

- Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs). EPIRBs are for use in maritime applications. These devices are designed to float in water.
- Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs). ELTs are designed for use in aircraft. They may be fitted to an aeroplane or helicopter so that they activate on impact or can be activated manually.
- Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs). Used by bushwalkers, mountaineers and other adventurers on land. They are designed to fit into pockets. While not specifically designed for use in the marine and aviation environments, their use in these situations is becoming more common. PLBs are portable units that operate much the same as EPIRBs or ELTs. These beacons are designed to be carried by an individual person instead of in a boat or aircraft.

2. When should I use a distress beacon?

Distress Beacons are only for use in life-threatening situations. In the event of an emergency, you should first signal other people in your area using radios or other methods of attracting

attention. Mobile phones can be used too, but don't rely on them. The phones may be out of range, have limited battery power, or become water-damaged. The procedure to set off a distress beacon varies from device to device. Make sure you read the instructions on how to operate your particular beacon before you have to use it. The instructions are on the beacon label. EPIRBs work best when floating in the water but make sure the beacon is attached to something by the lanyard so that it does not float away. On land, ensure that the PLB is placed in the open away from overhangs so that it has the greatest view of the sky and therefore the best opportunity to be detected by orbiting satellites and over flying aircraft.

3. What if I accidentally set my beacon off?

Switch it off immediately, and let the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ) know without delay by ringing (04) 914 8380. Remember, there is no penalty for this – RCCNZ will thank you for your call! If you use your beacon or it is accidentally activated, have it serviced to ensure the battery still has enough life to power the beacon for the required 48 hours continuous operation.

4. From February 2009 121.5 Mhz beacons will be obsolete. Why is this change happening?

The international council that controls the satellite system, Cospas-Sarsat, decided in October 2000 to fully cease processing 121.5 MHz analogue signals by satellite on 1 February 2009. From that date only 406 MHz beacons will be detected by satellite. The phase-out started in 2000 and has meant a slow but steady decline in the number of satellites monitoring the 121.5MHz frequency, culminating in the frequency no longer being monitored at all from February 2009. The decision was made to reduce the chronically high false alarm rate from analogue distress beacons. Currently 97% of distress beacon signals are false alarms.



5. What are the problems caused by false alarms?

As every beacon alert in and around NZ is treated as a genuine emergency until proven otherwise, false alarms are tying up scarce search and rescue time and assets. RCC is concerned that someone in a genuine emergency may get an undersized search and rescue response because search and rescue assets are tied up chasing a false alarm. This has not occurred in NZ to date, but the concern by many is that it may. **RCCNZ**

HTC owns three 121.5 MHz Personal Locator Beacons. New 406 MHz PLBs will be purchased in due course. 121.5 MHz PLBs were purchased originally because they were the most cost effective at the time. It is recommended that they are carried on all club trips.

TRIP REPORTS

#1932	Kiwi Saddle Hut	7-8 December, 2005
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Southerlies with early morning showers was forecast for Wednesday Morning but they were wrong and again the Mid week Trampers were to be blessed with good weather as we made our way up to the Radio mast and the welcome breeze along the tops.

This has to be one of the nicest tracks and we found plenty of excuses for stops for "Lunchettes" arriving about 2pm at Kiwi Saddle hut. We had the Hut to ourselves and whilst there only met one hunter and dog who were en route to Kiwi Mouth hut.

The question of pack weights came up over a cup of Tea and with careful thought and without compromising safety Judy had managed to reduce her pack weight to a enviable weight whilst Bobby just went the other way and forgot to pack Her Lunches but never mind we all had plenty of food.

Marion delved into her pack and emerged with a large Cheesecake quite undamaged which was appreciated by the others for Desert later on.

Before Tea some wandered up the ridge towards Castle Camp whilst others wandered a little way down the track towards Kiwi Mouth.

An early start next morning (8.45) as we wanted to get over the first hill before it got too hot and the views were stunning with Ruapehu prominent in the distance.

We had a nice amble back along the tops and the only excitement was when Raewyn stumbled and gashed her forearm which was soon patched up and gave Bill an excuse to brew up a cup of Tea.

An uneventful trip down to the car park ended a most enjoyable stay at the club hut and was the final midweekender for the year. *RB*

Party: Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Raewyn Ricketts, Bill Clague and Rodger Burn

#1933	Waikarekare Falls trip and BBQ	18 December, 2005
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Most of us have looked east from the Watergauge Track and seen the 2 large waterfalls on the Waikarekare Stream, and a couple of years ago a large party had even tried to visit them. They had in fact, been visited years ago by HTC, but had slowly been hidden in the radiata plantations. The penultimate trip involved a lot of guessing and eventually ended up in a tangle of felled pine interwoven with blackberry, nowhere near our goal. This time a little help from Dave Coe at the forest base made all the difference and the more focussed of the group soon found the spot on the edge of the pines where a reasonable track dropped down into a strip of natives and so on to the upper falls. The remainder of us were diverted by two different species of potato orchid but we were eventually able to find our way down too. There having been some recent rain the river was in good flow and the view of falls and pool worth many a photo. After a mild scramble on the true L bank the top of the second drop was reached and in a short time we were assembled below the equally impressive lower falls. Some river rats slid off downstream but most of us stayed on the bank, both groups finding the going easy enough. At the point where the Kaweka Challenge route crosses the stream most elected to leave the valley and head out to the road, soon assembling at Kuripapango. Those of stouter heart who carried on in the water eventually emerged at the Ngaruroro, with many a boastful exaggeration of the achievement. The disbelief that greeted them was both sincere and reasonable. Before long sausages and patties were writhing on hot

plates and a primitive feasting ensued. People wandered off in various directions for the usual reasons, and Liz made the prized find of a small number of stinkhorn fungi attended by a large number of blowflies.

Thanks to the organizers for a tidy combination of an interesting tramp and a pleasant social occasion.
ML

Party: Sue Lopdell, Graeme and Helen Hare, Peter and Glenda Berry/Hooper, Alan Peterson, Christine Snookes, Shirley Bathgate, Barbara Taylor, Liz Pindar, Lex Smith, Ken Nugent, Roger Burn, Murray Alderson, Lyn and Linnie Gentry, Marion Nicholson, Ros and Mike Lusk

#1934	Tangoio Beach to Waipatiki	8 January, 2006
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Twenty one beach walkers turned out for the first tramp of 2006 leaving Pernell Orchard at 7:00 am and Susan's in Taradale at 7:15. Arrived at Tangoio at 7:45 on a beautiful day, the sea was flat and calm and close to low tide.

Peter Berry, myself, Shirley & Barbara drove around to Waipatiki, the two more experienced trampers exploring the beach and bush walks at Waipatiki while we two youngsters went to meet the others. We met the party at Taits Beach.

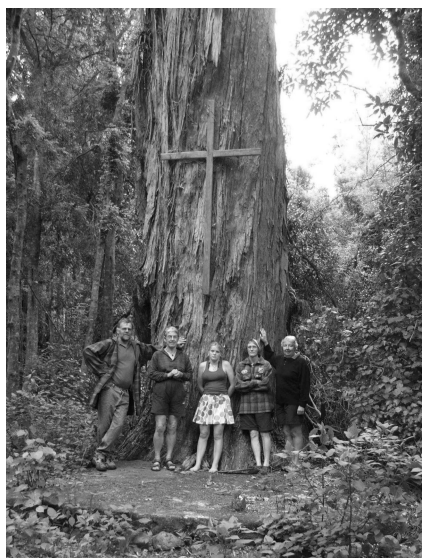
We had lunch at 11:30, 20 minutes north of Taits Beach at a nice grassy area with a small waterfall. Some of the rocks were very hard and sharp.

As the tide was coming in we rock hopped for about 45 minutes and then on for another 45 minutes on a track above the rocks, reaching Waipatiki at 1:30 pm where we had our third swim for the day.

As the day heated up we went for some bush walks or lay under the willows with feet in the stream. Great day thanks everyone for coming, Peter for driving, Glenda for organizing and Phillip for his wonderful fruit. *KN*

Party: Ken Nugent, Peter Berry, Natalie Berry, Glenda Hooper, Shirley Bathgate, Susan Lopdell, Barbara Taylor, Ben Belchamber, Chris Brown, Liz Pindar, Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Lex Smith, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, SueLopdell , Jenny Lean , Lyn Gentry , Bobby Couchman , Fiona Green and Randall Goldfinch.

#1935	Palmerston Nth Area	14-15 January, 2006
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This was a day and a half trip and we left Pernel Orchard at 12:30 and headed south picking up Murry from Takapau as we did. By the time we had travelled through the Manawatu Gorge and headed up the Pohangina Valley the misty morning had turned to a sunny day. We reached the Beehive Creek Walkway about 3 and started the walk up it. Beehive Creek is very shallow, very sandy and, on this day, very warm. The stream is surrounded by a narrow riparian strip of mainly native species beyond which is farmland. After negotiating a number of stream crossings with dry feet many of us removed footwear and walked up the sandy bottom barefoot. The walkway is only 3 and a half km long so only took an hour or so – the last bit of which was uphill in the blazing sun. Christine and Alan walked down the road to get the truck then picked us up and carried on up the Pohangina a little way to the Totara Scenic Reserve. There is a lovely camp site in the reserve on the southern side of the road and after putting up

tents most went down to the river and had a most enjoyable swim. This was followed by tea and a walk round the various nearby tracks the delights of which included an enormous totara tree, another totara with a large cross attached to it and two moreporks.

The next morning we were off by 8 and drove back down the Pohangina Valley, past the back of Massey University and up to the Kahuterawa Road to its carpark situated at the end. This area has recently been developed into a “Recreational Hub” by the Palmerston North City Council and it is here that both the Sledge Track and the Back Track start.

We walked along the Sledge Track which follows the Kahuterawa Stream passing a number of swimming holes and a lot of steps. The weather was a lot cooler than the previous day so none of us were tempted to swim. After an hours walk we reached the Elevation which is where the track leaves the stream and heads upwards through Hardings Park, an area that used to be protected as a water supply area but is now a scenic reserve. Most of the party continued on through Hardings Park to the Platinum Mines which they were able to climb into and view but 3 of us decided to return to the truck to have lunch with Shirley and drag her out to walk the Back Track. The Back Track is an old road and has an easy gradient through some lovely bush (although all the bush in this area has pine trees growing on the hills above it). There were a number of people busy



tidying up the track and the area around the carpark as this was to be the venue for a major mountain bike competition in the next month. Parataniwha (pictured above) were particularly evident on this track as were honeysuckle and tawa with the odd large podocarp looming out above the trees. After 90 minutes we retraced our steps back to the truck and waited for the others to arrive back. By about 3 o'clock we were all in the truck heading back to the Hawkes Bay. Thanks Alan for driving.

GH

Party: Glenda Hooper, Peter & Natalie Berry, Ben Belchamber, Susan Lopdell, Judy McBride, Shirley Bathgate, Alan Petersen, Christine Snook, Garry Smith, Lex Smith, Joan Ruffel, Bobby Couchman & Murry Alderson

#1936

Shutes Hut

22 January, 2006

A 6 am start, a nice day, 9 trampers, one being new, and a smooth trip to Comet Hut. All were keen for the big drop down to the Ngaruroro River with no thoughts of the return trip. The river was high enough to wet some shorts, the track there is grass and very narrow and one leg was likely to go down the bank.

Shutes Hut is a delight, we read the history of the hut while we lunched. Some of the big pines by the hut have been cut down.

On the way back some of us dipped in the river or wet their T shirts to keep cool for the long up. Everyone did it at their own comfortable pace and arrived back at the truck happy. Three hunters came out just after and one of them was Ken Nugent – but no deer.

Thank you Alan Petersen for driving and the great company of party: Christine Snook, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Keith Thomsen, Rodger Burn, Lex Smith and Hamish Hunt.

Marion Nicholson

#1937	Te Iringa – Mt Cameron	29 January, 2006
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A small group of eight set off in cloudy conditions from the top of the Gentle Annie – initially the track was overgrown with rubbishy vegetation but for a little used area, it is in remarkably good order.

As we climbed, glimpses of Timahanga, Otupae and the Tutaekuri were seen through the mist. Eye bright, celmisia, orchids, spaniards, gentians and manuka were in flower but the birdlife was very disappointing with only a couple of bellbirds and some whiteheads seen.

The track meanders through a variety of vegetation from broom, manuka, beech forest, finally popping out onto tussock. We wandered on past Mt Cameron Trig and lunched upon a rocky knoll overlooking the river, Manson Tops, Ngamatea Station and the Kaimanawas. Returned via same route and stopped off at Kuripaponga for a swim. Here we learnt that 20-24 persons had stayed at Kiwi Saddle Hut on the Saturday night – hopefully some donations.

A good trip, with access easily sorted (provided no hunting parties in area) and an area seldom visited by the club.

Party: Lex Smith, Raewyn Ricketts, Jenny Lean, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Susan Lopdell, Rodger Burn, Garry Smith

#1938	Waitangi Weekend, Whirinaki	4-6 February, 2006
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Well, I don't know why, but the Tararua's seem to put club members off – each of the times I have tramped down there, the weather has been fine! What's wrong with you all! I eventually ended up with a party of four and after some discussion Whirinaki was our destination.

We arrived at the River Rd car park after seeing numerous rabbits and 2 stags on route to be greeted by a chorus of kaka and kakariki – what a start to the weekend. We covered the Mangamate – Central Whirinaki circuit, tramping from 4 ½ hours to 5 hours each day, quite leisurely in fact especially Sunday afternoon where we ate, lounged about, swam and meandered around the area. There were very few groups in the park over the weekend - we saw a group of 6 from Manakau TC, 2 from Tararua Tramping Club, a group of 4 fit individuals doing day circuits and 2 young guys along the Mangamate Stream. We had Mangamate Hut to ourselves Saturday night and there was only 6 rattling around in Central Whirinaki Hut Sunday night.

The bush is still magical no matter how many times you visit the area. On the main Whirinaki track DOC is protecting about 6 mistletoe sites, unfortunately none were flowering. Birdlife was plentiful with a pair of blue ducks seen in the Mangamate Stream and 2 pair in the Whirinaki River. Kaka and karariki were heard and seen throughout the park along with keruru, tomtits, robins, tui, shining cuckoos, grey warblers and whiteheads.

DOC had been clearing tracks in November last year and need to do so again as there were numerous windfalls, including some very large trees which had come down either side of Central Whirinaki Hut - in one case taking the track with it. We didn't see any flowering orchids and there weren't many plants in flower. Lots of fungi were about, including a small cluster of brilliant red fungi which Garry nearly planted his feet on top of.

A great weekend, with the rain arriving on Saturday evening whilst we were inside the hut and slightly cooler temperatures which was appreciated by all.

SL

Party: Judy McBride, Lex Smith, Susan Lopdell and Garry Smith.

#1939	Willowflat Area	12 February, 2006
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Te Wae Wae is a farm owned by Ian and Carolyn Brickell and is across the Te Hoe river from Te Kooti's lookout. To get there you follow the Wairoa Road, then left on the Willowflat Road and left again on the Mokonui Road following this almost to the end.

After a 6 a.m. start with a short stop in Napier to pick up two trampers it was an uneventful trip to the farm with just a quick stop on the Willow flat bridge as most people had not seen the Mohaka at this point before. Once reaching the farm we had about a 1 kilometre drive up a farm track to where we parked (this track would only be suitable for the truck in fine weather) and after a short morning tea we set off up the old Haliburton Road, the Road quickly becomes bush on both sides and is a real mixture of forest types and although parts of it have been logged in the past there is fantastic regeneration and many mature trees left in the area.

After many stops to botanise and take photos we left the Road (along with Pam, Shirley and Barbara who had a good explore before making their way back along the road) and followed a marked route mostly along the ridge line, until we got to a Bluff with a good view where we had lunch. After lunch we followed the track down to an enormous white pine, one of the biggest I have ever seen. The markers ran out at this point and we had to follow our noses down the valley through some beautiful stands of podocarp forest and got slightly lost before finding the track again which led us back to the farm country where we had a fantastic view of the surrounding countryside as well as seeing skull rock, it was then a short walk back to honeymoon hut where we met up with the others (honeymoon hut is an old split Totara hut in very good condition for its age) then a short walk back to the truck and an uneventful journey home.

The bush that we were tramping in is all protected by a covenant and it is really good to see such a large area set aside by a private individual, the trip was enjoyed by everyone and we express our big vote of thanks to Ian Brickell for allowing us to visit this fascinating piece of New Zealand.

John Berry

Participants Judy McBride, Susan Lopdell, Pam Turner, Shirley Bathgate, Christine Snook , Hamish Hunt, Jeff Oliver , Roger Burn, Sue Taylor, Barbara Taylor, Gary Smith, Roz and Mike Lusk, Ken Nugent, Graham Hare and Murray Alderson.

#1940	Lake Oupouahi	15 February, 2006
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This was originally supposed to be a trip to Daphne Hut but there were not too many takers for that.

Originally we had 7 but work commitments soon culled that and as a couple had not been to this area before it was a good opportunity to see what was happening about the Predator Proof Fence.

After a chat with a couple of workers in the area we made our way up along the lake and through the bush to the lookout at Thomas's Bush where we had Lunch and enjoyed the view.

We had plenty of time and we then drove further up the road to the Bellbird Bush and had a wander around before returning back to the Tutira Store where we relaxed and capped off a great day with an Icecream.

RB

Party: Joan Ruffell, Raewyn Ricketts, Keith Thomson and Rodger Burn

#1941

Kaweka Challenge

25, 26 February, 2006

The KAWEKA CHALLENGE 2006 - a competitors thoughts. By Tony Gates

For my third attempt at the Kaweka Challenge, I had the pleasure of my brother in law for a partner (a first timer), once again, on course four. We were pleased to pull in first in our section, so David was extra pleased. He had great delight in telling his friends of our win- until reminded that we were actually the only entries in our section. However, we greatly enjoyed the event, the course, the race organisers' assistance, and of course the Kawekas.

The Kuripapango hill was big and crowded - as usual. It was surprising though to see the crowds thin out, so that we almost started to get lonely on the familiar route to Kiwi Saddle Hut. Once there, it was a fast section over to Castle Camp, with a cooling breeze. We saw many teams ahead of us on the ascent to Kaiarahi, and were pleased to slowly gain on most of them. What a buzz to be passing teams, as, once again, the course became crowded around the McIntosh Spur checkpoint. Down the hill, ugh, sore knees and tiredness. We did finish OK, ahead of the main mob, and claimed our little piece of paradise like dirt under the beech trees near McIntosh Hut for the night. It was a friendly atmosphere as other teams arrived, and we shared notes. Most, though by no means not all, of the teams were traveling light. A warm night.

Sunday was a good day. It seemed to take a while for us to get sorted, but soon, we were off, trying to set a good pace around to the Lakes. It was new country for David, so I was like a tour guide, telling him of the now non existent Kaweka Hut, and the many happy Heretaunga Club memories of the place. We said hi to Liz, at the Lakes Carpark checkpoint, then joined the real crowds- the course 5 day runners (or should I say sprinters). Some of them were really hoofing it along the firebreaks, in particular, the young chap who came in first in course 5. I can't recall his name, but did think that he would be one to watch in future. He made it look so easy. And talking of speedy runners, visiting English Engineer Andrew Symonds, who won course 1, left more than just footprints on the Kawekas. He ran the course in very close to record time, and impressed all who saw him. A superb athlete, leaving an ageing tramper like myself stomping along at half his pace. My Sunday continued at a steady plod - David and I knew that we could reach Kuripapango in good time by just putting one foot in front of the other. The swim in the Ngaruroro was lovely. Thanks HTC for your part in that great event.



The Lakes carpark Checkpoint - Liz Pindar, Tony Gates, and David Olsen.

#1942

Cape Kidnappers

1 March, 2006

March 1st and a brilliantly sunny day saw a group of six of feminine gender heading round to the cape with one staggering under a heavy pack in preparation for upcoming tramps.

The tide was higher than usual so it was necessary to keep up near the cliffs which were interesting as there had been a very recent large slip. Nearing Black Reef the group was passed by five fully laden trailers, with children and adults from a local school and we also had some interesting chats with a number of tourists, many from England.

While two of our group decided to stay at the reef the others carried on round to the shelter and on up to the birds. Most of the young gannets were fully fledged and practising their pre-flight exercises very vocally as usual. We noticed that there was very little sand from Back Reef round possibly due to the recent high seas and the rocky shelves were quite slippery.

Our group met up again early afternoon and we returned to the motor camp after a most enjoyable outing.

Trampers: Peggy Gulliver, Marge Musson (Friend), Barbara Taylor, Mrs. Lyn Gentry, Marion Nicholson and Raewyn Ricketts.

Raewyn

#1943

Waikamaka Hut, Ruahines

11, 12 March, 2006

I asked for this trip, on this date, as it had a special significance for me. My first trip with the club was fifty years ago, to Waikamaka Hut on the 3 & 4 March 1956.

On that occasion it was a hut working bee (they don't change) repiling and putting in a replacement bottom plate, cut from beech on site. I am sure I never expected to be back again to the second Waikamaka Hut to celebrate the event, fifty years later.



We had the luxury of a midday Saturday start from Pernel, increasing our team to include Kerry and Bruce Popplewell, (HTC members living in Wgtn) and Murry Alderson from Takapau. After a no pressure trip in sunny and ideal conditions the party of thirteen were by 6pm nestling into the hut. A good old fashioned communal stew was soon underway and two big billies bubbled on the stove. Various song books were produced and we had over the evening many and varied vocal contributions, including love songs sung in Italian. The main and dessert courses were five star, the singing was a joy, and the companionship of trampers is always great.

Sunday dawned damp and misty and

once Peter B and Sue T had left reasonably early to get back to Hastings, the rest of us had no desire to do side trips or stay in bed so we too cleaned up and moved out. In the upper reaches of the Waipawa we met Sue L and sister Judy who had hoped to meet us at the saddle. In fact we were back at the truck so early in the afternoon we had time to visit the Onga Onga Historical Village and have an ice-cream.

It was a pleasure to share this weekend with the following club members;

Randall Goldfinch, Hamish Hunt, Ken Nugent, Christine Snook, John Berry, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Sue Taylor, Alan Petersen (Driver), Murry Alderson, Kerry and Bruce Popplewell

Day Party: Judy Mc Bride and Sue Lopdell

Graeme Hare

(See "From The Archives" for the original trip report from 50 years ago)

#1944	Te Waka Trig	15 March, 2006
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A change of plans and we decided to leave the Esk River to another time.

After getting the OK from Mr King at the farm at Te Pohue we made our way up the track climbing steadily and stopped for a look at the old School Camp nestled among some large Red Beech trees. Onwards to the tops we noticed a number of trees were numbered and assumed that they were to be felled to allow access for the large Trucks and Trailers (44 Metres) that will be needed to bring the equipment through should the Wind Mill scheme go through.

A early lunch at the Summit (1029 Metres) with great views all around which was very pleasing for 3 people who hadn't done this trip before and we took the opportunity to see the Maungaharuru Range from a different perspective.

A herd of about 30 wild Goats was encountered a couple of times which sparked some talk about their culinary qualities and then we made our way back to the cars for our usual Cuppa.

This may well be the last trip to the summit from this direction with the plans for the Windmills in the area in the near future and we all appreciated this opportunity.

RB

Barbara Taylor. Judy McBride, Peggy Gulliver, Marg Musson, Keith Thomson, Bill Clague and Rodger Burn

#1945	Kiwi Saddle, Kaweka	25,26 March, 2006
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Weather forecast – poor. Hut painting – postponed.

Five hardy souls met 6am at Pernel to travel in private cars. We walked up to Kiwi Saddle in drizzle and cloud with no visibility. There was no reason to hurry so we enjoyed the walk and even had time to observe an unusual worm crossing the track. On arrival at the hut the weather got worse so we ruled out the walks we had planned. Had a combined tea and played cards until late. Still raining hard.

After an early rise and breakfast, packed up and commenced a major clean, washing walls, ceiling, bunks etc. Conditions were not suitable for cutting firewood, but moved wood already there under cover.

Once our cleaning was completed we had no reason to stay, so walked out in poor conditions, meeting two young lads on the track. (Heard later there was a search for them on Monday) We were at the car park by 12 noon. An enjoyable weekend even though conditions were not ideal for a hut working party.

PB

Working party: Garry Smith, Christine Snook, Jeff Oliver, Hamish Hunt, Peter Brown.

#1946	Maraetotara River	5 April, 2006
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This proved to be a popular choice and we had a good turnout.

Two cars were left near the entrance to the Cape Kidnappers Golf Course and we crammed into another two cars and drove down to the Millers farm which borders on the river at the end of Craggy Range Road.

We started our walk at 9am and in spite of heavy rain a few days prior the river level was low and very slow flowing as we ambled along the river banks enjoying the scenery on a very sunny day.

Before long we had to make the first of many river crossings, this time over a quite wide waterfall and all managed to keep dry feet and then through a perfect picnic area with magnificent Cabbage trees around but we pressed on and sidled around to a very pretty waterfall which would be quite spectacular in heavy rain.

After this we were in and out of the water for most of the day and Barbara somehow managed to slip over and get a dousing (Mr Lyn was not to blame although he was seen to throw rocks into the stream from time to time).

Lunch was had at a perfect spot in the sun on the riverbanks near the gorge and after, whilst we could have climbed out over farmland, we elected to follow the river through the gorge to the end and came out at the "Gap" on the Clifton Road.

After a strenuous day we changed and drove down to the Clifton Cafe at 2pm for a Coffee and later returned back to pick up the other cars on the Craggy Range Road.

A great trip and for most of us new territory.
RB.

Party: Peggy Gulliver, Judy McBride, Mr & Mrs Lyn Gentry, Marion Nicholson, Barbara Taylor, Bob and Heather Carter and Rodger Burn.

#1947	Maungaharuru Range	9 April, 2006
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Seventeen of us were in the truck heading north and saw the sun coming out of the ocean, a glorious sight. Sixteen got ready to go on the top track to Bell Rock with much speculation whether we would be able to carry on because of the windy conditions. Geoff agreed to wait until 11 O'clock before moving the truck.

It was windy and light rain kept drifting across with mist in the distance. When we came over the top at Bell Rock the wind became a full-on gale. Standing up still and straight was impossible and everybody agreed it was too dangerous to go on and so to plan B.

We came on down through the bush while Alan went back the same way to Geoff.

There was a lot of bird life and Kokako could be heard. There was also a lot of pig sign.

The truck was waiting at the bottom and we moved on back to Boundary Stream to walk through to Shine Falls. While sitting on the rocks at the road sign, having taken smoko, three men and two dogs walked out of the bush behind us. One of them had a pig on his back.

The weather on the way down was better with light showers. We stopped at a dry spot for lunch. At the bottom some dropped their packs and went to look at the falls while others carried on to the truck where Geoff had the “clibbornette” going.

We all had a good day and a big thanks to Geoff and Alan for driving and thank you Philip for the fruit.
MN

Party: Jeff Oliver, Hamish Hunt, Christine Snook, Ray Manning, Ken Nugent, Lyn Gentry, Roger Burn, Alan Peterson, Jean loc Vachon, Sue Taylor, Garry Smith, Judy McBride and visitors Walter and Marie, Marion Nicholson.

#1948	Taranaki	14 – 17 April (EASTER) 2006
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A Party

A party of 8 left for the mountain on Thursday night with the promise of fine weather for 4 days. Glenda met us at Waverley where we were generously welcomed at her Mums house and where we spent the night scattered about in the true tradition of sleeping trampers. Breakfast was eaten early and between mouthfuls a long debate made very little progress as to deciding what we were actually planning to achieve over the weekend. But eventually we left the truck at Dawson Falls, stopping on the way to drool over the magnificent views of Taranaki capped with snow. After some considerable help from the DOC Centre receptionist, we moved off on the high track to Holly Hut. There are basically two circuits around the mountain, one on or close to the sub-alpine aspect, and the other much longer, further out in the wetter bush area. There being a high rainfall the runoff soon scours out deep gullies which must have been formidable obstacles to early visitors, especially as the bush is dense and fringed at its upper border with a tightly packed mixed scrub. Many radial tracks link the circuits and there has been a major effort to make the going easier (and less damaging to the track itself) by adding steps, boardwalks and even some impressive ladders. This work continues.

Holly hut is attractively set close to the large Ahukawakawa Swamp, so once established in or around the hut some of us took a short walk over the swamp to the base of the Pouakai Range, from there being able to look back to the mountain towering above us. The full moon rose as we wandered back for dinner, and we were soon fed and asleep. The night was cold, but not cold enough to stop a local kiwi calling. Our tent was stiff with ice in the morning, but the day was calm and clear again. The words “Aren’t we just so lucky with the weather” were formally banned at about this time.

The party separated here, and the 5 circumnavigators farewelled the others as we set off for Waiaua Gorge Hut, following the low route as the Pyramid Track had been closed since major rain damage in 2004. We took a short side track for a quick and worthwhile look at Bells Falls, then followed Stony River for several km, before climbing between high cliffs and eventually reaching the hut, to find it overflowing. Never had our little Eclipse tent seemed more attractive.

Overnight a small front arrived and we packed up in intermittent drizzle, heading back to the high track which crosses under Bobs Bluff, a high and spectacular cliff. Jean-Luc re-dislocated his shoulder on the way but it fortunately was easily reducible and he carried on with out apparent difficulty. The climb started gently but gradually steepened, finally leaving a saddle and climbing very sharply up a slippery eroded ridge. Some pretty weary bodies refuelled in the leatherwood at the top but the sun was breaking through and we knew the worst of the climbing was done. Shortly after a lunch in the sub-alpine tussock we could look down to Lake Dive and the hut which we reached down a series of very many irregular steps. Again we had the mountain above us, this time in swirling mist. A short walk from the hut took us to the lake and brilliant reflections of bush, mountain and cloud.

By the morning a more serious front, with rain and wind, had come along. Anne had set her heart on a - climb of Fanthams peak so she set off early, and then again ten minutes later after recovering the dislodged lens of her glasses. Lex and Jean-Luc followed and their account of the raging wind and

horizontal rain they encountered made Ros and me pleased we had chosen the low track, especially as it had been recently trimmed and all 6 gullies laddered, bridged or stepped.

As planned we were all gathered at the truck in the late morning, and after more help from Joy, the DOC Staffer, and a light lunch at the café, we headed off to North Egmont where Sue, Marion and Judy had based themselves after Sues ankle injury.

Thanks to Sue for patient organisation of a rather indecisive rabble, and to Lex who drove us with care for long hours. A generous box of Pernel fruit helped nourish us.

Party: Sue Lopdell, Lex Smith, Anne Cantrick, Jean-Luc Vachon, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Ros and Mike Lusk.

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The Other Party

Eight of us left Hastings at 6pm on Thursday evening to drive all the way to Waverley and parked up for the night at Glenda's Mum's place.

Next morning, Friday, Mount Egmont was picture postcard perfect and Mike's finger was trigger happy on his camera. At Dawson Falls we set off together, and then had a brief stop to administer first aid before continuing on. The track was steep at times with plentiful mixture of large and small steps interspersed with lots of stony stream beds that were very tiring. Holly Hut, a 36 bunker, was really full with trampers from all over the world.

On Saturday we woke to a crisp frost with the promise of a beautiful day. Our group of 3 started later than the others and we went first to Bells Falls before setting off to Pouakai Hut, across the flats and then on up a very steep ridge with great views of the Maud and Henry peaks showing the tracks we would be on tomorrow. By the time we got to Pouakai Hut a mist had come down and it had got cold. Pouakai Hut is a 16 bunker but that night it slept over 30. Was it full!! Views from the hut (when the mist cleared) of New Plymouth were great.

Sunday. Awoke to steady rain. After deliberating with a Doc worker we stuck to our original plan, which was to continue on the circuit track. The track to Maud & Henry Peaks now has boardwalk/steps and ladders which is much easier and faster than slip sliding down greasy, eroded tracks. We stood on a viewing platform fantasizing about the views!! But down the other side from the top there was a short section that was eroded, slippery and full of tree roots which slowed progress. We briefly stopped at the shelter then continued on to cross Ka Auani Stream (which can cause a problem in wet weather) before lunching at the old Kaiauai Hut site in watery sunlight.

After lunch we crossed numerous side streams until Susan injured her ankle. The decision to continue on toward the Mount Egmont Road was made and 3 tired muddy trampers ended spending the night at North Egmont Bunk House with hot showers, electric light, etc. and the next day the truck came round to pick us up. *JMcB*

Susan Lopdell, Marion Nicholson and Judy McBride

From The Archives

Pohokura No. 72,

April, 1956

Trip No. 523.

WAIKAMAKA (Working Party)3-4th March.

Last year an enthusiastic working party cut some piles to repile the rotted ones under Waikamaka Hut. Our party had been instructed to finish the job. Eight people, rather loaded up with crowbars, creosote and other impressive articles, finally reached the hut about 1 p.m. and after a hasty brew started in. We made up in enthusiasm for a noticeable lack of proper tools, and perhaps a slightly less noticeable lack of experienced builders. By tea-time the hut had been levered up along the eastern wall, and four new piles and a bottom plate inserted into position. The cooks were most enthusiastic about the 8 inch gap between the hut and the ground, as the fire burned madly and the smoke almost all went up the chimney! Just as the stew was being served two new recruits arrived in, having left Hastings at mid-day.

The night was enlivened by the families of rats which now occupy the hut; they explored us and our packs quite thoroughly. A torch switched on one occasion showed a line of four proceeding bonnet to bumper along the rafters.

It was raining next morning, but work continued. Some dug pile holes with a crowbar and an empty tin; some levered the hut up on long poles; some coaxed new piles into place and measured levels with a bottle with a bubble in it. As the fireplace threatened to fall in, the cooks laboured over an open fire in the rain to produce a brew, and for lunch a liquid concoction that contained whatever food everyone had left.

At 10 a.m. the hut was standing on four piles and a lot of holes. By 12.20 all was finished; at least we had only 2 piles left over, and an 8 inch gap all round the hut to fill in. So we left that for the next working party and went off home very satisfied in spite of the pouring rain. The truck ran out of petrol at Onga (it was still raining too) and a local farmer gave us some petrol and a haul with his tractor; so we didn't get back to Hastings till well after dark. It was still raining.

No. in party: 10.

Leader: Helen Hill

Owen Brown, Dick Clark, Jenny Chaplin, Kevin Simmons, Graham Hare, Al Moffat, Peter Hurford, Joyce Stanley, Rex Chaplin, Helen Hill

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Kuripapango Concept Plan

On March 18th 14 club members attended a meeting at Kuripapango which was on the concept plan for the area. Below is the questionnaire used to canvas views on the matter. These have been filled in by members and passed back to DOC. The club has also made a submission supporting DOC HB plans for the Kuripapango area. The plan looks to develop the Kuripapango area as a recreational hub and includes an informal camping area and loop track in the oxbow area (which is slightly down river of the Cameron carpark).

KURIPAPANGO CONCEPT PLAN



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

PROPOSAL	Tick if Agree with proposal given on plan	Any comments
Proposed swingbridge over Tutaekuri on the track to Mackintosh	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carpark – Mackintosh Track a much smaller more sheltered one for 6 to 8 cars adjacent to current large one.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3 wire bridge on Kaweka Track – not on plan but was mentioned	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lakes Road end –to be the main car park above Tutaekuri	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lawrence – no access down hill except Dec/Jan	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lawrence shelter–remove if vandalizing continues – may still need a shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Oxbow - informal camping area	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Track oxbow area	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access road to Oxbow – how far do you want it to go	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Main signage at Cameron carpark	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sealing of road by Cameron Carpark to reduce dust	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Walking access only to water-gauge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Continuation of grazing by horses	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Overflow camping area for events	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Discourage camping at other than oxbow	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Close camp site on Right Bank of Ngaruroro & remove toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Woolshed and yards – access via Oxbow Track rather than from road	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Off road parking near Robsons Lodge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Retain Robson's Lodge “as is”	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Relocation of helipad to near DOC field base	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The following aren't on the plan but most were alluded to during the meeting		
Helicopter concession at DOC field base	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outdoor Ed based concessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other concessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Overnight & campervan camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CLUB NEWS:

Christmas Trip Proposal - Departing 28/29 December 2006 - 9/10 Days

Tramping Nelson Lakes / Visiting Hanmer Springs / Molesworth



A Party - Nelson Lakes to Lewis Pass Rd through Lake Rotoroa / Morgans Hut / Upper D'Urville Hut / Davids Saddle / East Matakita Hut / West Branch to Camp Near 3 Tarns Pass / Ada Pass via Cannibal Gorge. Other options.

B Party - Mt Robert Carpark / Angelus Hut / John Tait Hut / Upper Travers Hut / West Sabine Hut / side trip to Blue Lake / Sabine Hut - St Arnaud or Mt Roberts Carpark.

Please register your interest with Lex Smith or Sue Lopdell. Early interested numbers will enable us to look at transport options and Ferry bookings etc.

CLUB and EXEC NEWS. From Glenda

Welcome to New Members:

Bill Clague, Ben Belchamber and Hamish Hunt. We hope you enjoy all your tramps with us.

BEREAVEMENTS:

Peter Lattey, one of our earliest members, died this month, his obituary will be in the next Pohokura.. We extend our condolences to Peter's family as well as to Geoff Robinson, on the recent death of his brother and to Andy, Tina and Hebe on the passing of Andy's Mum.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Lex Smith who has been re-elected on to FMC and will continue on as their Treasurer. Keep up the good work Lex – it is good to have an open ear to FMC.



MEETINGS and SPEAKERS:

Many thanks to Bobby Couchman and Sue Taylor for their talk on their trip to Madagascar – a most interesting place. Also thanks to John Berry and Lin Gentry for their prowesses as auctioneers extraordinaire. The Club auction made \$253 which was donated to the rescue helicopter funds – thanks also to all those who brought and bought.

WORKING BEES:



Many thanks to those involved in our last two working bees. We had our usual good turnout of members for the Kaweka Challenge – held in pretty good weather late February. In March we had 5 hardy members brave the bad weather to walk up to Kiwi Saddle Hut and give the inside a good clean up.

SUBS:

The subscription year ends 30 June and the 2006/07 subs are due then. Please pay before the end of August and avoid a late penalty and make our Treasurer's job easier. Subs are the same as previous years: \$25 for Active, \$38 for Family and \$10 for Associate members



GENERAL INFORMATION:

Telecom has given the Club new phones to replace our old 025 ones. Their phone numbers are:



HTC 1 = 027 4386475
HTC 2 = 027 4386474

Shirley says that more photos are required for our photo album – Those of you who have digital cameras can email digital images to Glenda and we will get them all printed in one go.

We have now used the new digital projector and it is working well. Club policy is that, like the epidiascope, the digital projector is not to be hired or lent out and must not leave Clubrooms unless authorised by committee, – replacement bulbs could cost \$500.

CLUB LIBRARY:



The Club library is a haven of many interesting books to which new ones, either from Club funds or member donations, is added regularly. Liz Pindar has been our Librarian for decades so see her if you want to loan one of the books. The following is a list of some of our more recent book acquisitions:

Title	Author	Comments
<i>101 Great Tramps in NZ</i>	M Pickering	
<i>202 Great Tramps in NZ</i>	M Pickering	Ref FMC Nov 2003 p25
<i>Classic Tramping in NZ</i>	S Barnett & R Brown	
<i>HB Forests of Yesterday</i>	P Grant	
<i>John Pascoe</i>	C MacLean	Ref FMC Mar 2004 p33
<i>NZ Outdoor Cookbook</i>	M Pilkington	
<i>Nature Guide to Orchids of NZ</i>	I St George	
<i>Polar Castaways</i>	R McElrea & D Harrowfield	Ref FMC Nov 2004 p45
<i>NI Weekend Tramps</i>	S Barnett	
<i>Everest: Summit of Achievement</i>	S Venables	
<i>True South: tramping experiences of the South Island hinterland</i>	P Barnett	Ref FMC Mar 2004 p35
<i>NI Back Country Huts</i>	H Willems	

DOC MATTERS:

The Club, thanks to John Montgomerie and Lex Smith, has sent a submission in to DOC Tongariro-Taupo regarding the Kaimanawa Forest Park Draft Plan. The draft plan did little to address several access problems in the area and our submission highlighted this.

Coming Meetings:

DATE	TOPIC/ SPEAKER	COMMENTS	Hosts	Supper Help
3 May	Chris Waldron Leonie Heaps	Adventures of our intrepid pedal pushers in China.	Philip Mardon Robyn Madden	Chris Waldron Gerald Blackburn
17 May	Fiordland Marion Nicholson	View the breathtaking scenery of Fiordland (DVD)	Christine Snook, Greg Munn	Peter Brown, Peggy Gulliver
31 May	Social Night	Organisation for Queens Birthday weekend	Lew Harrison, Rodger Burn	Geoff Clibborn, Pam Turner
14 June	Club Photo Competition	Bring all those prize shots- You could have a winner!	Gerald Blackburn, Dave Heaps	Alan Petersen, Ken Nugent
28 June	Mike Bull Hazards	Hidden Dangers!	Jim Hewes, Chris Waldron	Anne Cantrick, Owen Brown
12 Jul	Tramping Cuisine	Bring along recipes of your favourite tramping Fare	Max Neumegen, John Winter	Liz Pindar, Gerald Eyles
26 Jul	Shaun Barnett To be confirmed	This will be an exciting night with a well revered photographer, writer & trumper.	Bobby Couchman, Helen Hare	Randall Goldfinch, Ray Manning
9 Aug	Doc Update DOC staff	Catch up with developments in our Region	Eddie Holmes, Sandy Claudatos	Raewyn Ricketts, Selwyn Hawthorne
23 Aug	Social Night	A caffeine fix and natter	Shirley Bathgate, John Berry	John Montgomerie, Philip Mardon
6 Sep	Hut Quiz Dave Harrington	A brain teaser- Now which hut is that?	Judy McBride, Geoff Robinson	Robyn Madden, Roslyn Lusk

Duties of those on Supper and Host:

HOSTS: Greet visitors and fill in visitor's book. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting.

SUPPER: Put zip on, cups etc out, wash dishes and leave kitchen clean and tidy at end of evening and generally help Jenny.



ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP ?

Even the easiest of club trips require a reasonable degree of fitness, and from time to time tramps have been seriously delayed by unfit party members. While individuals may have varying degrees of basic fitness it is unlikely that a person who has a sedentary job, or who plays no sport, will manage an average B Party trip. The best preparation for tramping is tramping and there are hilly places in Napier and close to Hastings which make excellent training areas. For example, a walk from the cattle stop car park in Te Mata Park to the top of the peak, via the big redwoods, and back to the cattlestop via the road-side track with an 8 kg pack should take about 70- 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for 5 to 6 hours.

TRIP GRADINGS

EASY: 4-6 hours tramping - suitable for beginners.

MEDIUM: 6-8 hours tramping - suitable for those with some experience.

HARD: 7 hrs+ tramping - experience & a high level of fitness necessary.

Unless otherwise specified: an “A” trip would have a “HARD” grading and a “B” trip a “MEDIUM” grading.

GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS

<u>Wear/Carry</u>	<u>DAY TRIPS</u> <u>Carry</u>	<u>WEEKEND TRIPS</u> <u>All items listed for day trip plus</u>
Pack & pack liner	Map & Compass	Sleeping bag
Boots & gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least 1 litre water	Food for 3 additional meals
Parka & over trousers	Lunch	Cooker & Billy & matches
Fast drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or wool Jumper	Torch, spare batteries & bulb	Toilet gear, small towel & toilet paper
Longjohns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, knife, fork , spoons etc
Gloves/mittens & overmitts	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches etc, pencil, paper)	Tent/Fly if required
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

Leave at truck/car: Complete set of clothing for the return trip and a mug with something to flavour hot water from the Clibbornette.

TRIP LIST May - September 2006

Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons. For pre trip enquiries contact the organiser or Susan Lopdell 844 6697



6-7 May	Ruahines	\$20	Map U22 & T22
<p>A: From the Western side Ruahines, climb onto the main range via Rangiwahia Hut & traverse tops to Howletts Hut and out via river to Mill Rd.</p> <p>B: Climb up to Rangiwahia Hut, onto Tussocks Tops and down to Triangle Hut for the night. Follow river past Irongate Hut to carpark. Drive around to pick up A party.</p> <p>Organisers: A:..... Christine Snook 8351082 B: Mike Lusk 8778328 Driver: Alan Petersen 8351082</p>			

Local Day Trip: Longview Hut.

Wednesday 10th May Local Area

Walk from Clive to Havelock North via the proposed pathways route. Going along the coast and up the Tukituki River Stop Bank
Organiser: Lyn Gentry 8750542

21 May	Ruahine Range	\$10	Map U22 & U21
<p>Walk up the river to Barlows Hut, up to Junction with Parks Peak Track and down to Yeoman's Mill placing track markers and trimming growth.</p> <p>Organiser: Roger Burn 8776322 Driver:</p>			

Wednesday 24 May

Oreka Station - Pukekautuku area on Napier Taihape Road.
Organiser. Peggy Gulliver 8797763

3-5 June (Queens Birthday) Te Awamutu	\$30
<p>Travel to Te Awamutu and visit Mt Maungatautiri (mainland Island) and Mt Pirongia – areas seldom visited by the club.</p> <p>Organiser: Alan Petersen 8351082 Drivers: Alan Petersen / Lex Smith</p>	

Local Day Trip: Hukanui Range

18 June Ruahine Range

\$10 Map U21

From Mangleton Road, up Three Fingers Spur across the tops and down either Bobs Spur, Golden Crown or SentryBox Track

Organiser: Susan Lopdell 8446697

Driver: Geoff Robinson

Wednesday 21 June

Birthday boys (Graeme Hare, Jim Hewes, and Lyn Gentry) overnight stay at Kiwi Saddle Hut .Games Galore.

Organiser: Jim Hewes 8776784

1-2 July Nth Kaweka Range

\$10 Map U20

Walk into Mangatainoka Hot Springs for the night or stop at Te Puia Hut. Plenty of options for the return journey back to the gums

Organisers: Peter Brown 8772907: Lex Smith 8774087

Driver: Lex Smith

Local Day Trip: Middle Hill hut via Pinks Hut

Wednesday 5 July

Up to Kuripapango trig from water gauge and down to Car park and back via lakes to water gauge.

Organiser. Judy McBride 8769756.

16 July Sth Kaweka Range Boyd's Bush

\$10

Map U20

Dependant upon gaining permission from landowners: Option of Gentle Annie to Mt Cameron across to Hoggett and back through Boyd's Bush or else begin at bridge over Taruarau River up to Hoggett and return via Boyd's Bush

Organiser: John Montgomerie

Driver: Geoff Robinson

Wednesday 19 July

Up to Sunrise hut and along to Top Maropea Hut and return same way.

Organiser: Rodger Burn 8776322.

29-30 July Pureora Forest

\$30 Map

A: Bog Inn road to Weraroa and camp along side Mangatu River. Sunday out to highway 38 via Waihaha Hut

B: Into Waihaha Hut and out to Nuffield Lodge via Hauhungaroa Range

Organisers: John Berry 8776205 and Mike Lusk 877 8328

Driver John Berry

Local Day Trip: Lake Tutira Walkway

Wednesday 2 August

Bike Ride Napier Walkways.

Organiser: Peggy Gulliver 8797763.

13 August	Sth Kaweka Range	\$10	Map U20
From the Napier Taihape Rd climb up onto the Lizard drop down to the Omahaki Stream and follow branch up to Cattle Hill and out to road			
Organiser: Graeme Hare			
Driver Geoff Robinson			

Wednesday 16 Aug
Spooners Hill and Blue Lakes areas.
Organiser: Raewyn Ricketts. 8779377.

26-27 August	Kaweka Range	\$10	Map U20
From Makahu carpark ascend to main range and travel along tops to Ballards, Whetu and out via Middle Hill Hut or Dicks Spur, along past Kaweka Flats to carpark at Makahu Saddle			
Organiser Anne Cantrick: Lex Smith 8774087			
Driver: Lex Smith			

Local Day Trip: Kaweka Flats from Makahu Saddle
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10 September	Ruahine Range	\$10	Map T23
Into Kumeti Hut, from the end of Kumeti Road, south of Dannevirke, up to Keretaki Hut via Matanginui. Return via Oruakeretaki Stream to Fairbrother Road.			
Organiser Ros Lusk			
Driver			

23-24 September	Ruahine Range	\$10	Map U22
Into Howletts Hut (a club hut) either through Mill Farm, Daphne Spur or from Kashmir Road end to Pohangina Saddle and across the tops to Howletts. Various options for the return trip.			
Organiser: John Montgomerie			
Driver:			

Local Day Trip: Longview or Awatere Hut from Kashmir Road end.

OVERDUE TRAMPERS

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush before dark, safety considerations must come first. This may mean that parties are late returning to transport. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take 2 hours or more to return to the embarkation point. Beginners should make sure that anyone who might worry about them is informed of this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the "overdue contacts" if return seems likely to be later than 10 PM. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all inquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:

Susan Lopdell 844 6697

Jim Glass 877 8748

Glenda Hooper 877 4183

Cancellations: If you can not make a trip please contact the leader BEFOREHAND so as to avoid unnecessary delays for the rest of the party.
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Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (the one before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7.25 PM, visitors are welcome.
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