

# THUMBS UP ADVENTURE CLUB INC.

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*"The Thumbs Up Adventure Club is a social and active group of people who enjoy living life to the fullest"*

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**SEND CHEQUES TO: TUAC, C/o Libby Lyver, P O Box 42262, Orakei 1745. Put the name of events you are paying for on the back of the cheque**

**PLEASE CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE STILL LEFT BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHEQUE**

Our account details: **ANZ Bank 01-0277-0139400-00** for those who prefer to send payment by electronic payment via the internet

**PLEASE** make sure you state your name, the cost and what event you are paying for

*Non-members may attend some club events. Members have priority and a surcharge will be applied. Contact the event organiser directly*

"I acknowledge and accept that neither the Thumbs Up Adventure Club ("the club"), nor any other party associated with any activity arranged by or through the club shall have any responsibility for any liability, financial or otherwise, which might arise whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death which might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in any event or its related activities."

**If you have confirmed you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser, please pay by the due date.**

**The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away.**

**If you cannot attend on the day, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend.**

## JUNE / JULY 2013

**PLEASE NOTE:** Address for sending cheques & account details for Internet payment are above

### THUMBS UP CLUB AGM - The Cosmopolitan Club, Remuera

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - 6.30pm - Guest Speaker**

Meet for drinks, meal and a chat from 6.30pm onwards followed by the **AGM at 7.30pm. It's important to the future of our club to have as many members as possible attend this meeting.**

Committee positions will need to be voted on, and last year's need to be signed off. **SO as a wonderful lure we will be giving away a prize to the value of \$60 for 1 lucky person.** Attendees of the AGM will be eligible to win this prize - all we ask is that you turn up with a list of 3 or more exciting events that **YOU** would like over the coming months. Looking forward to seeing you on the night - Your Committee.



### MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND - Mystery location – south of Auckland

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Queens Birthday Weekend**

A roaring fire, a glass of wine in hand, but there is a murderer on the prowl. Solve the mystery of "Who Dun It" in a wonderful country setting. Be prepared to car pool to destination, approx 3 hrs drive.

**Meet: at CT Club, Remuera at 8.30am** when full details of the mystery location will be given out. Sunday/Monday activities planned also, depending on weather.

**Accommodation:** There are 14 slots available at the main lodge with additional backpacker beds available if we get more people wanting to come.

**Bring:** Own food for 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, snacks and own food for dinners if you don't want the home cooked meals. Full kitchen facilities available to use both in the lodge and backpackers. Tea, coffee, milk and sugar provided at both facilities.

Warm clothing, wet weather gear and hiking boots/shoes. Optional mountain biking available – either bring own bikes or hire them on site.

**Cost:** **Please indicate your preference for accommodation.**

**Backpackers** is run by the same owners as the lodge but is 1 km away **Lodge \$58.00 per night** twin/triple share. Bedding provided including electric blanket.

**Backpackers \$38.00 per night.** Bring own sleeping bag/duvet, pillow case, hot water bottle and towel.

**Optional home cooked 2 course dinner \$25.00 per night** (available if staying at the lodge or backpackers)

**Optional mystery Sunday event \$10.00**

**Confirm:** By 13<sup>th</sup> May indicating if you want to book dinner(s) and mystery tour

**Contact:** Alison Philcox 021-2576741 [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz) or Libby Lyver 021-1371488 [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



### PAKURANGA ROTARY TRAIL CYCLE RIDE

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Park & meet at 10am at the end of Kerswill Place, Pakuranga.**

Plenty of parking in the cul de sac

This is a mostly flat ride beginning on the cycle path, then onto quiet roads through Half Moon Bay Marina and onto Musick Point for wonderful harbour views, returning to the Marina for an early lunch at one of the newly opened cafes. Return along bike path. I will make a decision if the ride will go ahead by 8.30am after I check the weather. Please phone or text me after that time to check if ride going ahead.

**Bring:** Own bike, water bottle, maybe wet weather gear, helmet and suitable clothing for cycling

**Cost:** Ride is free – lunch at your cost

**Confirm:** By Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June by email or ph mobile on the day

**Contact:** Libby Lyver on 021 137 1488 or [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)



### POT LUCK DINNER WATCH AB'S VERSUS FRANCE

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 5:30pm to late**

**29 Onslow Avenue, Epsom**

Start at David Verrall's house for drinks nibbles and main course. Go next door to watch the game and have dessert.

Bring along a pot luck contribution to the meal and your own drinks.

**Confirm with David if interested, and if you are bringing a main or dessert.**

**Cost:** Nil

**Confirm:** Interest by Friday 14th June.

**Contact:** David 6302 588, 027 2035508, [gundeseverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundeseverrall@xtra.co.nz)



### TEXAS HOLD EM POKER NIGHT

**276 Riddell Rd, Glendowie**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June - start 7pm**

Even if you have never played poker before, this is a fun version of the game and very easy to learn. To make it more exciting we will have a \$5 kitty and on the very last hand, winner takes all.

**Bring:** Finger foods/nibbles to share and BYO drink

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Contact:** Josie ph 575 7898 / 027 452 1577 or [dhoeft@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dhoeft@xtra.co.nz)



### BURGEN TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

**Woodhill Sands Events Centre on SH16 Woodhill, 12 minutes from the end of the North Western Motorway.**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

It's that time again to get down and dirty! Challenge yourself on a course that includes swamp crossings, water trails, equestrian obstacles, a spiders web net climb, crawl under barbed wire, open paddock running, wire rope bridge, a sand crawl, bush trails and a range of natural and man-made obstacles, and mud. You can run, walk, push, crawl or climb.

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Wear thermal polypropylene top and running shoes during the event. You **will** get wet and muddy. A dry set of clothing, beanie and jacket for after the event. Football or Rugby boots with moulded studs are acceptable, running spikes or boots with aluminium studs are not permitted. There will be hot showers so bring a towel. Good parking and the Woodhill Sands café nearby.

I am doing the 6km event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July which starts at 11:15. Feel free to join me or you can book for the Sunday. Last year each competitor got a Loaded sports drink on the finish line, a complimentary hot Barkers drink, and a Tough Guy & Gal survivors coffee mug to prove they did it! Not sure what is on offer this year yet. Spot prizes and medals will be awarded at the prize giving at 1:45.

Further info: <http://www.toughguyandgal.co.nz>

**Cost:** Online entry is \$60.00 if booked during April. After that \$70.00. Please let me know who is coming and when you have booked. Carpooling can be arranged.

**Contact:** Alison 021-2576741 or email [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)

### ECOZIP ADVENTURES, WAIHEKE

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10:45am**

Join us in this exhilarating flying fox zipline. There are 3 x 200m dual rides then the 1.5k interpretive forest walk back up to the start.

Catch the 9am ferry from downtown. This also calls into Devonport. We will be picked up from Matiatia for a mini tour en route to Trig Hill. Afterwards we can be dropped off anywhere for a bit of lunch or go straight back to Matiatia.

Tour is 2.5-3hrs from pickup to drop off approx. The trip will only be cancelled if winds are above 35knots. If it is rainy, dress appropriately. Full body harness and helmet is supplied. Camera or smart phone can be attached to your harness or if it is an average size camera or phone can be put in the pouch that is attached to your harness. Further info: [www.ecozipadventures.co.nz](http://www.ecozipadventures.co.nz)

**Bring:** If cold bring a warm fleece or jersey. Footwear must be buckled, laced or zipped.

**Cost:** \$99 plus ferry to Waiheke

**Pay by:** 20<sup>th</sup> June as we need to confirm numbers. This is limited to the first 11 people who apply so get in quick.

**Contact:** Alison Philcox 021 257 6741 or email [a.philcox@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.philcox@clear.net.nz)

### NIGHT OUT AT THE MOVIES, NEWMARKET

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Meet at 5.30pm**

We will decide on the movie on the night, and go for a meal after the movie.

**Bring:** Yourself and okay to bring a friend

**Cost:** Pay for own ticket on the night

**Contact:** [raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz](mailto:raywyn.b@xtra.co.nz) or 021 455 863



### "WICKED", Civic Theatre

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September (revised date)**

Extremely successful stage show focusing on the events in Oz pre-Dorothy.

**Cost:** No group discounts for Fridays or Saturdays, A Reserve seats - \$109.90;

**Book & pay by:** Now!

**Contact:** Pauline Sommerville - [paulinesommerville@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinesommerville@hotmail.com)



### LABOUR WEEKEND GETAWAY, Pureora Forest, King Country.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

A walkers and mountain biker's paradise.

**Saturday** - 5 short local walks through the Pureora Forest viewing the buried forest and historic sites.

**Sunday** - Walk Mt Titiraupenga Track - Pureora Forest Park or mountain bike part of the Timber Trail from Waimiha to Ongarue.

**Monday** - Short walks planned then return to Auckland.

**Accommodation:** Blackfern Lodge, Waimiha Valley.

**Bring:** Own food for 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, snacks and own food for dinner. Full kitchen facilities available to use. Tea, coffee, milk and sugar provided.

Bring warm clothing, wet weather gear and hiking boots/shoes.

Optional mountain biking available - either bring own bikes or can hire them on site.

**Cost:** \$58.00 per night twin share or backpackers \$38.00 per night.

**Confirm:** By 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Contact:** David Verrall 027-2035508 [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz)

**Libby Lyver 021-1371488 [libby.lyver@gmail.com](mailto:libby.lyver@gmail.com)**



### HEAPHY TRACK, KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK

**27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Stay at YHA in Nelson on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> (or other place to your choosing). Bus out of Nelson on the 27<sup>th</sup> December and go to start of the track. Stay the first night at Perry Saddle Hut. Stay at the James Mackay Hut on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Stay at the Heaphy Hut on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Finish tramp on the 30<sup>th</sup> and stay in Rongo Backpackers at Karamea that night.

Bus back to Nelson YHA on the 31<sup>st</sup> and have New Year in Nelson

Please familiarize yourself with the track...and know your limits.

**You have to make your own arrangement for flights and book your accommodation. (Due to the fact that some people may want to stay at other places). I will book the huts and transport. THIS TRACK IS VERY POPULAR, SO TO MAKE SURE YOU GET IN YOU HAVE TO BOOK ASAP. I WILL EXPECT PAYMENT AT THE TIME I SEND YOU THE RECEIPT. ANY CANCELLATIONS WILL ENDEAVOUR TO GET YOUR MONEY REFUNDED**

**Bring:** To be advised

**Cost:** Nelson YHA \$32-\$35 a night  
Rongo Backpackers \$30-35 a night, Track Huts \$32 a night  
Transport return to track \$165.

**Pay by:** When receipt sent to you

**Contact:** Alan 027-4936850 [a.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.grigg@xtra.co.nz)



### WAIKAREMOANA GREAT WALK

**27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Leave Auckland 27<sup>th</sup> December, travel to Lake Waikaremoana 6 hours by car, stay at either Big Bush Holiday Park or Waikaremoana Motor Camp, Opourau Bay (backpackers, camping, motel options). Start the walk on the 28<sup>th</sup> reaching Panekire Hut that night (5 Hours). 29<sup>th</sup> Waiopaoa Hut (4 hours). Third day walk 4/5 hours to Marauiti Hut. Last day 31<sup>st</sup>, 4 to 5 hours walking to the water taxi which will return you to start point/cars. It's your choice to stay or go on New Year's Eve. THIS TRACK IS VERY POPULAR, SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK IMMEDIATELY ON THE DOC SITE OR CONTACT DAVID ASAP.

**Cost:** 3 nights x \$32 per hut. Water taxi fee to be advised.

Accommodation depends on your option \$30 upwards per night. Plus car pooling petrol costs.

**Contact:** David [gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz) 630 2588 or 0272035508

### WATCH THIS SPACE FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS

- > Great Gatsby Dinner - 3 August - Raywyn/Jean
- > Matamata/Hobbits - winter - David
- > Matamata Walk/Cycle - mid winter - David
- > Pirongia Walk - David
- > Port Waikato weekend Oct/Nov - Raywyn
- > Waiheke Garden Tour - mid Nov - Libby
- > Camping - Tapapakanga - next year - David
- > Waiheke weekend - Gerry

### Members - Introduce a New Member:

If you introduce a new member and they join up you will get a credit of \$10 on your next TUAC membership renewal account.

### Peak Caps & Visors with TUAC logo for sale

Available in black, white and cream.

If you are interested in buying one (and looking cool like me!) please get in touch with me

**\$10 each - Contact Alan [A.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:A.grigg@xtra.co.nz)**



### TUAC T.Shirts for sale

Ladies shaped or straight (as shown in photos below)  
Small, Medium and Large - V or Round neck and a good choice of colors  
Logos are embroidered on the t-shirt

**only \$32.50 each - Contact: Alan [A.grigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:A.grigg@xtra.co.nz)**



### BUY ME?

**Tramping Boots** - Sito Women's - Grey/Navy - Uppers Leather, Sole Rubber - size US8.5 - hardly used \$70 ono

**Contact:** Betty 444 0174, 021-1173050 [bettyr67@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:bettyr67@vodafone.co.nz)