



Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc. www.tuac.co.nz

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

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**Our account details: ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00 - For internet banking - state your name, cost and event you are paying for.
Please deposit cheques directly into the Club's bank account and email Libby (libby.lyver@gmail.com) the same information.**

CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY PAYMENT

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

**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 2014

WINTERLESS NORTH WEEKEND - PAIHIA AND OPONONI

Friday 30th May to Monday 2nd June 2014

Planned adventures: Haruru Falls walk, cycle one section of the Coast to Coast Cycle Trail, sand canyons, walk or mountain bike ride along the beach, with a possible Russell/Pompallier House visit thrown in.

Cost: To be advised

Contact: Alison Philcox or Libby Lyver – 021 257 6741
a.philcox@clear.net.nz or 021 137 1488 libby.lyver@gmail.com

PIRONGIA FOREST PARK LODGE WEEKEND AWAY

Pirongia Forest close to Raglan in Waikato

Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June

Arrive Friday night for a weekend of hiking, orienteering, plus indoor sports and games. Wining and dining around an open fire in evenings.

Friday night Tapas & Sangria party, Saturday night Pot Luck Dinner Party.

Bring: All your own alcohol and food for the above, plus breakfasts and lunches. Wet weather and tramping gear. Togs if brave enough.

Sleeping bags and pillows, insect repellent, toilet paper, rubbish bags.

Cost: \$60 per person. Minimum 12p – Maximum 16p. Price includes 2 nights accommodation, cleaning charges and extra firewood if cold.

Pay by: \$30 deposit by 30th April. Final payment by 20th May

Contact: irenepalmer@gmail.com or 021 236 9422

TEXAS HOLDEM POKER NIGHT

29 Onslow Avenue, Epsom

Saturday 14th June at 7.00pm

Texas Holdem Poker is the fastest growing poker game in the US. The concept of the game is simple and easily learned. Come have fun and learn how to play.

Bring: Finger foods/nibbles and drinks

Cost: Nil

Confirm by: 13 June 2014

Contact: David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



JOKE

The city miser was on his death bed. As his last request he asked to speak to his lawyer, doctor and priest.

"I am dying and I want to take my money with me, so I am going to give each of you \$150,000 and I want you to ensure the money gets in the coffin"

A few days after the funeral, the priest overflowing with guilt confided to the others that he only put \$100,000 back. The doctor also feeling guilty said "I only put \$80,000 back."

"Shame on you", stormed the lawyer "stealing money like that, am I the only honest person here?"

"Look at this" he said pulling out his cheque book, "I wrote out a cheque for the full \$150,000."

PAKURANGA ROTARY TRAIL CYCLE RIDE

Sunday 15th June 2014 at 10am

Park and meet at 10am at the end of Kerswill Place, Pakuranga. Plenty of parking in the cul de sac

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

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 13th June by email or ph mobile on the day

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



SOCIAL EVENING

Frenchie Bar & Bistro, 265 Ponsonby Road (Three Lamps end)

Thursday 19th June at 7pm

A nice social evening, good food and a good time to catch up.

This will be a monthly event (in the winter). If anyone has a favourite eating place I would be happy to hear about it

Bring: Good humour

Cost: Google the restaurant

Pay by: On the night

Contact: Alan Grigg - 027 493 6850 or alangrigg11@gmail.com

TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

Woodhill Sands Equestrian Centre

(12 mins from end of North Western Motorway)

Saturday 21st June 2014

It is time to get down and dirty for the third year in a row and join us in this challenging fun event. The course includes water trails, crawling under barb wire obstacles, swamp crossings, bush trail, equestrian obstacles, open paddock running, hill climbs and sand crawls. A choice of 6km older brutes and beauties (over 40s) starts at 11:10am or 12km 2 laps starts at 11am. Timing chip provided. Prizegiving at 1.45pm. Hot showers, cafe and plenty of car parking. Each competitor will receive a Hydra8 zero sports drink, 'I Survived' coffee mug and goodie bag. Amazing spot prizes. Car pooling can be arranged. Please let me know when you have registered - www.toughguyandgal.co.nz

Bring: Wear thermal polyprop top preferably. Prizes for best dressed if you want to dress up. Shoes to run in, towel for shower afterwards, dry warm clothing for after the event, snacks and cash if you want to buy drinks and food. EFTPOS not normally available.

Cost: \$70 before 9th June. \$80 after 9th June. Book online

<http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz/ToughGuyandGalChallenge>

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



VODAFONE WARRIORS v BRISBANE BRONCO'S - NRL

Mt Smart Stadium

Saturday 21st June at 7.30pm

Come along and enjoy an evening at the Warriors home ground.

Be there live - enjoy electric atmosphere, the crowd, the big hits, the Tries.

A Fun Night

Meet at 6pm at the Main Gate Ticket Box at Beasley Ave Entrance, off Church Street. You can park in Neilson Street.

So you can see the 2nd half of the Vodafone Junior Warriors, buy a meal/drink and be ready for the main game at 7.30pm.

Bring: Warm clothing, wet weather gear

Cost: \$40 – Pay ASAP so I can make a group booking

Confirm by: ASAP

Contact: David Verrall - 630 2588, 027 203 5508 or

gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



ESKDALE BUSH SCENIC RESERVE WALK, GLENFIELD

Sunday 22nd June at 10am

Meet at the corner of Glenfield and Eskdale Roads by the cemetery at 10am. There is plenty of parking in Eskdale Road.

Eskdale Bush Reserve is a 2-3 hour walk following the Kaipatiki Stream through nikau, ponga and mature rimu bush to Manuka Reserve where we will stop for lunch/snack before returning back to Eskdale Road.

Bring: Sturdy shoes/boots, lunch/snacks, drink, dress according to weather

Cost: Nil – money for coffee afterwards

Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or sjenks@clear.net.nz



STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT & DINNER

Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick

Friday 27th June, Dinner 6pm - Show 8pm

Headlining the evening is a NZ comedic success story: Winner of the two biggest comedy awards in NZ, Ben Hurley takes the stage alongside Tim Batt. Joining this hilarious line-up is up-and-coming comedy pro, Paul Douglas. Tarun Mohanbhai ("Indian guy") will host this fabulous show and (attempt to) keep everyone in line.

Further info: Show starts at 8pm. Dinner beforehand at Italian restaurant, La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Rd, Highland Park. Meet at 6pm.

Cost: \$20.00 plus dinner at your cost (BYO)

Pay by: Visa or MasterCard when booking direct by phone 09 535 6467

Confirm by: This show was a sell-out last year and if you want a ticket you must book direct by 7th May or risk missing out. Dinner confirmation required by 13th June

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



SHOOTING RANGE IPSC GAMING

14 Kawanan Street, Northcote, Auckland

Saturday 28th June 2014 at 2.30pm

IPSC stands for International Pistol Shooting Competition and is the format of the shooting our group will complete on the range.

Further info: Visit their web-site www.armory.co.nz

Bring: Enthusiasm

Cost: \$30

Pay by: At the event

Contact: Alan Grigg – 027 493 6850 or alangrigg11@gmail.com



LONG BAY WALK

Sunday 29th June at 9am

Meet at the children's playground car park on the North side at 9am

This beautiful scenic walk is approximately 6km and follows the coast.

It will take 2-3 hrs depending on whether you want fitness or relaxed and scenic, followed by coffee and/or lunch at Long Bay Cafe, 2001 Beach Road.

Bring: Sun screen, hats, wet weather gear depending on forecast for the day

Cost: Free - Pay for what you purchase at the cafe

Confirm by: Advise Irene by Friday 27th if you are coming please

Contact: Irene – 021 236 9422 or Irenepalmer@gmail.com



HORSE RIDING, Shiloh Farm, 42 Kaipara Flats Rd, Warkworth

Saturday 5th July 2014 at 9.30am

Meet at 9:30am to get saddled up for a 10am start. They have horses to suit all riding abilities, so when replying to me, please say if you just want to walk the beautiful countryside or be a bit more adventurous and go for a gallop as well. You can also book for 1 hour or 2 hours. We are trying a different venue so we don't have a repeat of last month's unexpected cancellation.

<http://truenz.co.nz/horsetrekking/auckland/Horse-Riding-Warkworth>

Car pooling can be arranged. Lunch afterwards in Warkworth

Bring: Water, sunscreen, dress according to the weather on the day.

Cost: \$80 for 2 hours, \$40.00 for 1 hour per person

Pay: ASAP to secure a place

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



LAVA CAVING AUCKLAND, 84 Landscape Road, Mt Eden

Saturday 12th July at 1.45pm

Experience Lava Caves under Mt Eden. You will be amazed what is under our roads and houses. Our guide will be Peter Crossely, a caver with over 40yrs experience.

Duration 1-1/2 hrs

Bring: A TORCH!! Wear old clothes, helmet/beanie, gloves, old shoes/gumboots.

Change of clothes, if raining could be some dampness

Cost: \$10 – Limit 10 people

Pay by: 5th July

Contact: June - 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com

WAIKOWHAI COAST EPIC WALK – ONEHUNGA BAY RESERVE

Saturday 19th July 2014 at 10am

Meet at Onehunga Bay Reserve. We will be walking approximately 11kms along the coast and through bush reserves. The walk is undulating with about 4 sections that involve a reasonable degree of uphill walking. Along the route there will be 2 places for short stops and we will stop for a longer lunch break at Waikowhai Reserve. The walk finishes at Lynfield at the end of Giletta Road. I will organise transport back to the beginning once I know how many people are coming. There is one toilet stop about halfway at Waikowhai

Bring: Plenty of water (1-2 litres) hat, sun screen and dress according to weather. Wear good walking shoes or boots as some parts of the coastal walk may be muddy.

Cost: Nil

Contact: Alison Philcox - 021 257 6741 or a.philcox@clear.net.nz



GLOWORM NIGHT KAYAKING - LAKE KARAPIRO/WAIKATO

Saturday 26th July 2014

This fantastic kayak adventure offers something very special for everyone and after doing this event last year, with requests for a repeat, we are holding it again. At this time of year, the glow-worms are more vibrant than in summer. We start from Epworth camp and kayak our way down a truly beautiful section of the Waikato River, to the Pokewhaenua stream. With stunning twilight lake views, we head under the Pokewhaenua Bridge and into the glow-worm canyon. Draped with native ferns, the canyon offers a true slice of New Zealand beauty and as the light fades away, the unique incandescence of the glow-worms start to shine from the surrounding walls. After a glass of some of New Zealand's finest wines (or tea/coffee/cocoa) complimented with some tasty cheeses had over the warmth of a campfire, it's back in the boats, drifting slowly downstream using only the light from the glow-worms. Numbers are limited so be in quick to book. No single kayaks, doubles only provided by operator

Further info: Meet at 3pm at The Boatshed, 21 Amber Lane, Lake Karapiro. Trip runs from 3:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. Times could vary slightly. Followed by dinner in Cambridge (optional). Carpooling can be arranged on request.

Bring: Warm clothing – jacket/beanie, comfortable pants (jeans not recommended), sneakers, towel, gloves (optional). Waterproof life vest and pants provided.

Cost: \$59.00 plus dinner at your cost.

Payment and confirmation by: Friday 11th July.

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com

MANGAWHAI WALKING WEEKEND

40a Lincoln St. Mangawhai

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November 2014

Join in a springtime weekend of walking and having fun

Saturday - Tanekaha Falls track, onto the Brenderwyn trig and then

returning via the Tanekaha Forest Track. 4 hrs

Sunday - Logues bush or walk of your choice

Bring: All camping and tramping gear
Food: Breakfasts, lunches AND DRINKING WATER
Friday night. BBQ provided
Saturday night, Dinner at "The Club"

Cost: Nil – Free camping

Contact: June – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



RIDE THE PARADISE TRAIL, LAKE WAKATIPU, QUEENSTOWN

Anniversary W/end Saturday 24th to Tuesday 27th January 2015

Pedal through Paradise - the Most Beautiful Guided Cycle Tour in the World. A 4 day, 3 night fully guided and supported boutique cycle tour around Lake Wakatipu, through parts of Mt Aspiring and Fordland National Parks. 3 days cycling, 1 day tramping on the Routeburn Track with accommodation at historic Kinloch Lodge and Paradise Homestead

Further info: see website info@revolutiontours.co.nz or contact 0800 274 3348

Bring: Clothes suitable for cycling/tramping

Cost: \$1685 includes 3 nights' accommodation, use of bikes and helmets, all food (including snacks), TSS Earnslaw steamer ride, water taxi transport, support vehicle, luggage transport, and transport back to Queenstown. 10% deposit at time of booking, balance 6 weeks before start of tour date.

BOOKINGS CLOSE 31ST MAY 2014

To book email info@revolutiontours.co.nz or phone 0800 TO RIDE (274 3348) by 31st May 2014 to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256 or sjenks@clear.net

ART DECO EXTRAVAGANZA – NAPIER

19th to 22nd February 2015

Expressions of interest are sought for this famous Art Deco event. Napier, New Zealand's Art Deco capital, celebrates its annual festival with the whole of the city becoming a stage set, with over 200 events including outdoor concerts, dinner dance extravaganzas, vintage car parades, fashion shows, steam train rides, great Gatsby picnics and more. Dressing up in 1930's style is not compulsory, but will be great fun if you want to do so.

The programme of events will be published in October 2014.

Accommodation is already reserved (shared motel units) and there is the option of extending your stay for the week, exploring further afield, or by biking around the wineries and going to the Mission Concert the following weekend. No details on the concert are out until later in the year and until this is announced, we do not know if it will follow on from the Art Deco weekend.

Cost: To be advised when programme is published

Pay by: end Dec 2014

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com

WHAT IS THIS??



**Any ideas - I think you may be surprised
Give me a text or e-mail if you know
027 493 6850**

MEMBERS – INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER

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

"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."