



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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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 2015

WANTED: NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM JUNE 2015

For those of you who love organising events or want to help out, this is a great committee to work with. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. To put your name forward or for more information: Contact David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz

OREWA BEACH AND ESTUARY WALK & BBQ

Saturday 23rd May at 1.30pm

Meet at Orewa Surf Club beach front parking area, off Hibiscus Coast Highway parking area. Beach and Orewa River estuary walkway. Flat and easy to walk – can be extended for the keen and super fit. Followed by a BBQ at 11 Edgewater Place, Orewa

Bring: Walking shoes, warm clothing and snack/drink for approx 2 hour walk.

Food: If you are staying for the BBQ - BYO meat and drinks and a plate to share –salad/nibbles/dessert

Cost: No cost

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



EDUCATIONAL & INFORMATIVE GUIDED VOLCANO WALK ON MANGERE MOUNTAIN with Geologist Murray Baker

Saturday 30th May at 10am

Meet and park at 10am corner Kiwi Esplanade and Coronation Road Mangere Bridge opposite GAS station.

Have you ever wondered how a volcano is formed and when the next eruption will happen in Auckland? We are living in a city of many previous volcanic eruptions and are very fortunate to have the services of geologist Murray Baker who will guide and explain how a volcano is born and also examine some of the geological rocks and formations on the mountain and the area. Mangere Mountain is the best and most accessible example of a tuff ring and volcanic explosion.

We will walk up Mangere Mountain then return via Kiwi Esplanade to see the lava flows. Estimate 2½ hours return.

Lunch after at one of the cafes in Mangere Bridge

Bring: Good walking shoes, jacket, water and snacks.

Cost: The cost of lunch afterwards.

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



AGM

Tuesday 26th May at 7.15pm

Commerce Club of Auckland (CT CLUB)

27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera (off Green Lane East Road)

Be there at 6pm for a meal first or 7.15pm for the AGM

Interactive mystery guest speaker at 8.15 pm

Bring: Yourself and a friend

Cost: Free – there is a door prize

Dinner at your cost

Confirm by: Friday 22nd May if coming for dinner

Monday 25th if attending AGM only

Contact: David Verrall – 027 203 5508 or email gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz

SOCIAL EVENING

The Crown, 69 Customs Street East, Britomart, Auckland

Thursday 4th June at 7pm

We did this last winter and it was a good event.....so, if you have not been to an event for some time, this may be for you, and if you have the Entertainment book it could be a cheap night out.

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: Pay on the night

Confirm by: 2nd June so I can book the table

Contact: Alan – alangrigg11@gmail.com or 0274 936 850



TITIRANGI THEATRE COMPANY – HEROES

Lopdell House Theatre, 418 Titirangi Road, cnr Titirangi

Road and South Titirangi Road

Saturday 6th June

This delightful 2006 play has been chosen in homage to the 2015 Gallipoli commemorations. Cooped up in a country estate three cantankerous comrades plan their escape. This is brilliant writing and wit, and is a superb piece of theatre that's both achingly funny and sad.

A Dinner venue before the show to be advised

Cost: \$20

Pay by: 5th May to secure your seat and please let me know if you would like dinner

Contact: June Bell – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or email fiveofsix48@hotmail.com and please head TUAC



HORSE RIDING

Shiloh Farm, 42 Kaipara Flats Rd, Warkworth
Sunday 14th June at 9.30am

Meet at 9.30am to get saddled up and kitted out for a 10am start. There are fantastic views on this ride through scenic farmland and forest. You will have opportunities to gallop, canter or just walk. When booking, please state your riding experience, height and weight so you can be matched to the right horse for you. Please also state if you want to stop for lunch afterwards in Warkworth.

Carpooling can be arranged. See www.horseridingwarkworth.co.nz

Bring: Water, sunscreen, and dress according to the weather on the day. Helmets, over trousers, gumboots and wind breakers are provided.

Cost: \$80 for 2 hours, \$40 for 1 hour per person

Pay by: 15th May

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

SUNDAY LUNCH

Carriages, 299 State Highway 16, Huapai
Sunday 14th June at 12.30pm

For creative dining in a unique setting. Enjoy dining in carriages styled from a classic 1930's European train station. Relax, enjoy your lunch and a wine and maybe indulge yourself in the garden center.

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: Pay on the day

Confirm: 7th June

Contact: June Bell – 817 3093, 021 258 3013 or email fiveosix48@hotmail.com and please head TUAC



HIPSTAMATICS 'RAISE THE WOOF'

Howick Club, 107 Botany Road, Botany Downs
Saturday 20th June - 8pm till midnight

This is a fundraiser at the Howick Club, aiming to raise money for an assistance dog for Noah Wheeler. He has severe autism and this dog will change his life. This will be a great night with great music – come dressed up and have some fun! Theme is Special Bond 007. Dress up optional!

Further info: Check out the Hipstamatics music clip on You Tube (search Hipstamatics then look for the one by Blackdiamond290). More info can be found <http://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/assistedogfornoah> (donations gratefully received) and <http://howickclub.co.nz/events/raise-the-woof/>

Bring: Your dancing shoes

Cost: Tickets \$20

Pay: When you buy your ticket. Tickets available through Natasha Wheeler (natashawheeler@xtra.co.nz, 021 798 129 or direct purchase at the Howick Club Ph. 537 7100

Confirm by: Thursday 18th June

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



INDOOR ELECTRIC BATTERY CARTS

Formula-e indoor raceway, 36 Ascot Road, Airport Oaks
Sunday 21st June at 10am

This is the most fun you will have on 4 wheels. Formula-e raceway is the only cart track with battery carts. Reduced noise and no fumes. The best value is the A1 GP event which costs \$70 pp, with safety briefing and includes 5 warm up laps, 10 lap heats and 15 final laps. Total time 1 to 2 hours. If we get the minimum of 8 we can have exclusive use of the track first thing Sunday morning at 10am, when it's quiet. If we do not have the minimum of 8, then the normal pricing option of 'arrive and drive' applies of either 1 X 10 minute laps at \$35pp or 2 x 10 minute laps at \$60pp.

Bring: Long sleeve shirts and long trousers, all other safety gear supplied.

Cost: \$70 pp for minimum of 8 exclusive use of, or \$35pp or \$60pp arrive and drive.

Payment: Direct to Formula-e on the day.

Directions: Ascot Rd is off Kirkbride Rd on the way to the airport. Formula-e is on the left side. Plenty of parking outside.

Please let Mike know 1 week prior so we can reserve the track for a TUAC event.

Contact: - Mike Maran 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com

BITCHIN BINGO – MISTRESS VIV

Zookeepers Son, 715 Mt Albert Road, Royal Oak
Thursday 25th June at 7.30pm

If you want to have dinner there please let me know what time as I will require to book table earlier. Check out their menu www.zookeepersson.co.nz

Bring: A sense of humour

Cost: Free

Confirm by: 16th June as I am away 17th-24th June

Contact: Ann – 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or annmelrose@gmail.com

DINNER & PROMISE AND PROMISCUITY

Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick
Saturday 27th June. Dinner 6pm – Show 8pm

Follow the fortunes of Miss Elspeth Slowtree as she battles literacy, snobbery, her mother's nerves and the unfortunate digestions of Cousin Horatio. Armed only with her superior wit and blushing countenance, Penny Ashton plays 9 Austenian characters in this award winning critically lauded smash hit show that has wowed from Bath in the UK to the Canadian Prairies. Meet at 6pm for dinner beforehand at Italian restaurant, La Padella, 503 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park. Show starts 8pm. Tickets always sell out fast for this boutique theatre so get in quick.

You will need to book your ticket direct with Uxbridge Theatre by phone, 09 535 6467, additional charges apply for getting tickets mailed out to you or you can arrange to have them collected.

Please let me know when you have bought your ticket.

Bring: A friend if you wish

Cost: Play \$24 Visa/Mastercard when booking by phone

Dinner at your cost, pay on the night BYO & Licensed

Confirm by: 19th June if coming for dinner

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



ESCAPADE

Level 1, 23 Victoria St East (cnr Lorne & Victoria St East by Albert Park)
Saturday 4th July at 10.45am

Fancy a bit of friendly rivalry or just straight out competitiveness, this escape game is for you. The most fun you will ever have in a locked room!

We need quiet thinkers, sharp eyed observers with awesome powers of observation, super brains to pick up clues within clues and bundles of energy and common sense. You will be locked in a room with cryptic clues and will have to work together to decipher in order to get out of the room within 60 minutes.

There is help from staff, who watch your every move on camera and communicate via an in-built speaker system if needs be. This session begins in the dark and players with torches have to solve brainteaser to open a series of locks and secret doors.

I have booked and paid for 2 rooms with 6 people in each for "The Bach" which is a classic Kiwiana bach with a mysterious message left behind by Grandma giving you a clue to the old mystery.

There is a lounge bar where you can buy beer, wine, hot and cold non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks before or afterwards or we can go for lunch some where local. Selection of who goes in each room will be unbiased and done by drawing out a number from a bag. See www.escapadenz.co.nz

Parking at Victoria Street car park is \$2 per hour or find a spot on the road nearby.

Cost: \$20 (normally \$39pp or 35pp for groups over 4)

Pay by: ASAP as numbers are limited to the first 12 people

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

CROQUET

25 Dignan Street, Pt Chevalier
Sunday 5th July 2pm - 4.30pm

Drive in and park at the Pt Chevalier Bowling Club carpark or there is plenty of street parking. The Pt Chevalier Croquet club is situated behind the bowling club.

Have a go and get introduced to Croquet. A non-strenuous work out for the brain and body. This is an easy game of skill and tactics. It is an underrated game and everyone will be surprised by how good the game is. Mike has arranged for the club members to be on site to give us some tuition. We can divide up into teams of 2 or 4's.

Bring: Flat sole shoes and sunhat. Croquet mallets and balls supplied.

Cost: \$5pp everything supplied, including tea or coffee in the club rooms after.

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



PIZZA, GAMES AND PUDDING NIGHT

Poronui Street, Mt Eden
11th July - 5.30pm to 10pm

A fun night out playing board and card games you loved as a kid, with pizza to start and pudding to finish.

Further info: BYO drinks - tea and coffee provided

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: \$15

Confirm/Pay by: 3rd July

Contact: Raywyn - raywynbrinsden@gmail.com or 021 455 863

Mike - mikemaran10@gmail.com or 0274 784 779

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT

55a Vincent Street, Howick
Saturday 18th July at 7.30pm

Texas Hold'em Poker is the fastest growing poker game in the US.

The concept of the game is simple and easily learned. Come and have fun and learn how to play. Rules and all equipment supplied. Carpooling arranged if required.

Bring: Finger foods/nibbles and own drinks

Cost: Nil

Confirm by: 16th July

Contact: Jocelyn – 021 590 354, 274 9509 or sharplesjocelyn@gmail.com



PAKURANGA ROTARY TRAIL CYCLE RIDE

Saturday 25th July 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 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 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 if you are unsure of the weather.

Bring: Own bike, water bottle, wet weather gear (just in case), helmet and suitable clothing for cycling

Cost: Ride is free, lunch at your cost

Confirm by: Wednesday 22nd July by email or phone mobile on the day

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



MID WINTER FUN CYCLE RIDE

Okoroire Hot Springs Hotel

Sunday 26th July

Choose to ride either the 40km or 70km options on flat to undulating country roads in the Waikato. This will be held regardless of weather unless considered dangerous. Numbers are limited to 1000. Normal road rules apply. I'm doing the 40km ride which is mainly flat, with one reasonable gentle climb into Tirau, then an undulating road back to the Okoroire Hotel. Yes, it is winter, but wrap up warm and accept the challenge. If you want hot roast rolls afterwards these must be prepaid on your entry form. Only \$8.50 Registration from 8am-9.45am. Riders briefing 9.45am. All must attend this. Spot prizes drawn at 1.30pm. Further info <http://www.funcycling.net> Car pooling available

Bring: Warm clothing for the ride and to change into afterwards

Cost: \$60 if paid before 22nd July, \$75 after that.

Pay by: Can register and pay online up to 25th July

Confirm by: Let me know when you have registered

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



MOVIE WITH OPTIONAL DINNER & DRINKS

Rialto Cinema, Broadway, Newmarket

Sunday 26th July at 5pm

Meet at the Rialto Food Court at 5pm. Movies start around 6pm and as there are a choice of theatres, you can choose on the night which movie you would like to see. Movies advertised a week beforehand.

An option is going to the local pub for a meal beforehand instead of the food court.

AA members have a 40% discount for Rialto Cinema. Tickets must be pre-purchased. Book online www.aa.co.nz/eventcinemas.

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you like

Cost: Movie (around \$18 or \$11 with AA discount), dinner and drinks

Pay by: On the night

Confirm: Thursday 23rd July for movies and/or dinner

Contact: Raywyn - raywynbrinsden@gmail.com or 021 455 863



PLAY CALLED RABBIT HOLE

12 Spring Street, Onehunga

Opening night - Saturday 1st August – show starts 8pm

This is a mature heart breaking story by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by Jan Saussey

Further info: Cash bar opens at 7.15pm

Cost: \$25.00 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits at half time, end of show glass of wine, sandwich and meet the cast 17th July to TUAC account

Pay by: 17th July to TUAC account

Contact: Ann Melrose – 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or

annmelrose@gmail.com



QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUNDS

Tuesday 29th December 2015 to Saturday 2^d January 2016

We have 14 people already booked in the lodges, so if you are interested, you must get in now.

Details: A standard 5 day Independent Walk Package, 4 days tramping - 3 days tramping (3rd day a long 8 hour tramp) to The Portage, stay for 2 days over New Year then the final day to Anakiwa.

Further info: Packs transported. We will also be staying in lodges at night (no camping I can hear the sigh of relief already!). The track is 70kms long

Package includes water taxi to and from your Picton accommodation to the track, luggage transfers, packed lunch each day and information pack including track guide.

Cost: \$810 pp - single room an additional \$410 pp

A \$200 pp deposit is required with booking with the remainder due one month prior to departure.

Credit card details can be safely submitted on a secure online system at www.wildernessguidesnz.com

Contact: Alan – alangrigg11@gmail.com



JOKE

There were two lovers who were really into spiritualism and reincarnation. They vowed that if either died, the one remaining would try to contact the partner in the other world exactly 30 days after their death. Unfortunately, a few weeks later, the young man died in a car wreck.

True to her word, his sweetheart tried to contact him in the spirit world exactly 30 days later. At the séance, she called out, "John, John, this is Martha, do you hear me?"

A ghostly voice answered her, "Yes Martha, this is John. I can hear you."

Martha tearfully asked, "Oh John, what is it like where you are?"

"It's great. There are azure skies, a soft breeze, sunshine most of the time, the grass is so green and the cows have such beautiful eyes."

"What do you do all day?" asked Martha.

"Well, Martha, we get up before sunrise, eat some good breakfast, and there's nothing but making love until noon. After lunch, we nap until two and then make love again until about five. After dinner, we go at it again until we fall asleep about 11pm."

Martha was somewhat taken aback. "Is that what heaven really is like?"

"Heaven? I'm not in heaven, Martha."

"Well, then, where are you?"

"I'm a bull in Montana..."

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."