



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

May - June 2014

ROTORUA MARATHON - 50TH MARATHON

Saturday 3rd May 2014

Fancy walking or running a marathon which combines both history and geography in a beautiful piece of NZ.

Register www.rotoruarunners.co.nz for marathon, half marathon, 10km or 5km Limited accommodation is available at Alpine Motel

Cost: \$125 per night for 2 people with an additional charge of \$20 for each extra adult. Some units will sleep 3. This will be for 2 nights, ie. Friday 2nd May and Saturday 3rd May

Bring: Plenty of energy

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



AUCKLAND 4 WHEEL CLUB Track Experience & BBQ Woodhill 4WD Adventure Park, Woodhill Forest, Rimmer Road Entrance, Highway 16, Helensville Sunday 18th May 10am – 2pm

Experience a 4WD Run. Be driven by one of the Auckland 4WD club's experienced drivers in their private 4WD vehicles around the park at Woodhill. Check out this link for what you can expect:

<http://www.auckland4wd.org.nz/visitors/article.asp?article=1788962758&catpage=1&pagename=/visitors/gallery.asp>

BBQ steak & salad lunch provided after the driving with TUAC members hosting the 4WD club members.

Bring: Wet weather, warm gear & hardy shoes. YOU WILL GET MUDDY. TUAC members to bring their own liquid refreshments, water, beer, wine, juice.

Cost: \$100 per person includes, 4WD in morning followed by a BBQ lunch

Pay by: \$30 to confirm your place. Please pay asap but no later than 30th April. Final payment by May 12th.

Contact: irenepalmer@gmail.com or 021 236 9422

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

**Howick Little Theatre, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Pakuranga
(near Howick Historical Village)**

Saturday 10th May at 8pm

This is one of Oscar Wilde's most famous plays. So amusing.

Check out www.hlt.org.nz

Bring: Expectation to be entertained

Cost: \$28

Pay by: Booking office opens on 22nd April.

Contact: Hillary Scott - 021 258 4186 or 520 5844



WOODHILL FOREST WALK, Restall Road, Woodhill

Saturday 17th May at 9am

Turn left off SH16 into Restall Rd. I will meet you and show you where to park.

Enjoy a 2 hour walk through forest trails amongst the deer and the sound of the wingbeats of wood pigeons overhead, walking through exotic and native forest with stunning views of the west coast.

For those who like to also mountain bike, there is the option after lunch, to ride the trails at Woodhill Mountain Bike Park, Restall Rd. Cost \$7

Lunch afterwards at The Honeypot Café, 791 SH16, Waimauku

Bring: Drink, snacks, walking pole, sturdy shoes

Cost: Free - Lunch your cost

Contact: Peter Winn 09 634 2866 - leave message if no reply



AGM

Commerce Club of Auckland (CT CLUB)

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

Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm

Be there at 6pm for a meal or 7.30pm for the AGM

Bring: Yourself and a friend

Cost: Free - there is a door prize

Contact: David Verrall - 630 2288, 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz

MID MAY MADNESS TUAC SLEEP OVER PARTY

225 Gills Road, Albany

Friday 23rd May 2014

A TUAC Get-Together - Dinner, music, open fire if cold, buffet

dinner provided. Bring your own alcohol and music

Focus will be on everyone having fun.

Music and dancing in the bottom lounge and talking in the top lounge.

Beds, couches and mattresses available as well as parking for campervan to plug in.

Bring: Your party clothes, dance shoes, your own alcohol, sleeping bags, pillows and your favourite CD's

Cost: \$25 per head to cover the costs of the food.

Pay \$25 to confirm your place by 10th May

Contact: Irene - 021 236 9422 or irenepalmer@gmail.com



JOKE

A student asked his English Professor, "What is the definition of a Dilemma"?

The professor said "Well, there's nothing better than an example to illustrate that".

"Imagine you are lying on a large bed naked, with a beautiful naked young woman on one side of the bed and next to you on the other an excited gay man

Who are you going to turn your back on"?

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain
Saturday 24th May at 11am

Now in its 49th year this internationally recognised annual competition draws over 43,000 entries from 96 countries from professional and amateur photographers. The exhibition is on loan from the Natural History Museum in London and features 100 awe inspiring back-lit images from fascinating animal behaviour to breathtaking wild landscapes. Lunch after at either the museum café or the Wintergarden café. Meet on the front steps of the Museum at 11am.

Bring: Proof of residence or membership card
Cost: Free if you have Museum membership card or proof of Auckland residence, otherwise \$25. Lunch your cost
Pay: On the day
Confirm by: Friday 16th May
Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



MONTANA HERITAGE TRAIL - WAITAKERES

Sunday 25th May at 10am

Take Te Henga Road off the northern end of the Scenic Drive. After 1.5 kms turn left into Falls Road, continue through the golf club to the car park at the end of the road.

A moderate 9km loop walk with some hill climbs which will take approx 3.5hrs plus a lunch stop. Please note there is no cell phone coverage.

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



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.

An expression of interest required to book accommodation.

Further info: To follow
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



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 40yr olds) which starts at 11:10am or 12km 2 laps which starts at 11am. Timing chip provided.

Prizegiving 1.45pm. Hot showers, cafe and plenty of car parking. Each competitor will receive a Hydra8 zero sports drink, 'I Survived' coffee mug and sponsor products in a goodie bag. Amazing spot prizes. Car pooling can be arranged. Let me know when you have registered.

Further info: 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: \$65 before 30th April. \$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



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



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.
This tour is filling up fast. 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.nz



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR GOLDFIELDS CAVALCADE OTAGO

Sometime in February 2015

Tramp, ride a horse or ride in a covered wagon over the Otago Goldfields.

Check out the link <http://cavalcade.co.nz/about>

Cost: Depends on the trail we decide on.
Between \$300 - \$600 per person.

Let me know what you would be interested in doing by checking out the 2014 trail options and giving me the name of the trail boss you would have chosen.

Contact: irenepalmer@gmail.com or 021 236 9422



Congratulations to TUAC member Gerry Smith
Winner of Orewa Beach 10.5km walk

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR POSSIBLE EVENTS

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| > Port Waikato weekend | Raywyn |
| > BMW Racing | Irene/Libby |
| > Auckland city events | Gerry |
| > Wanganui River kayaking | Irene |
| > Monthly Dance Nights Ponsonby Sailing Club | Helene |

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."