



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 the event you are paying for. If paying your subs please enter invoice number. 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 may be applied to non members. Contact the event organiser directly to make a booking for any event.

If you have confirmed you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser or accommodation booked, please pay by the due date. The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away.

If accommodation has been made for you by the organiser, it is your responsibility to either pay the whole amount, or find someone else to take your place. If you cannot attend on the day, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend.

May 2017 – June 2017

WANTED 4 NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Three of our long term committee members are stepping down because of other commitments. The committee is looking for four new committee members for the next term to replace them.

If you have some new ideas for events we would welcome your input. New committee members are encouraged to arrange or lead four events for the year. This assists the other committee members to help distribute the event planner evenly amongst the others.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Claddah Irish pub in Newmarket for a meal, general socialising and planning. Our meetings start at 6.30 and finish around 7.30 - 7.45pm.

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

ROTOROA ISLAND EXCURSION

Saturday 22nd April 2017

Meet 7.45am for 8am departure at the Auckland Ferry Terminal. Rotoroa Island is a unique arts, heritage and conservation island nestled among a chain of islets off Waiheke's east coast. Only a 75 minute ferry ride away from Downtown Auckland. Easily traversed in a day, so bring your walking shoes, pack a picnic and explore the island. The island is the Hauraki Gulf's newest wildlife sanctuary and in partnership with Auckland Zoo, the Rotoroa Island Trust has begun to release endangered native species on the island, including kiwi, saddlebacks, reptiles and takahe.

Bring: Walking shoes, packed lunch

Cost: \$52 per person return

Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz



OREWA HALF MARATHON, 10K or 5K FUN RUN/WALK & BBQ

Orewa Surf Club, Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa
Sunday 23rd April 2017

Meet at Orewa Surf Club. Run/Walks start at the following times: Half Marathon 8am, 10K 8.30am, 5K 9.30am, Awards Ceremony 11am. Book on website www.orewahalfmarathon.co.nz

Do the Run/Walk followed by a BBQ at 1pm at Sheila's home after the prize giving and spot prizes. Supporters welcome. Please advise when you have booked or are just coming to the BBQ and I will let you know my address.

Bring: Food and drink for BBQ

Confirm by: 22nd April

Cost: Half Marathon \$60, 10K \$45, 5K \$35. Pay Online

Contact: Sheila Jenkins - 021 479 256, 09 426 9599 or shelly.jenkins@gmail.com



ANZAC DAY BIKE RIDE – KERSWILL PLACE, PAKURANGA

Tuesday 25th April at 8.45am

Meet at 8.45am for a 9am start at Kerswill Place, Pakuranga. Ride through to Musick Point via Half Moon Bay and Bucklands Beach return. A journey of around 3 hours, with a coffee stop at Half Moon Bay Marina, after conquering the Musick Point hill, and taking in the magnificent views of the Hauraki Gulf. Mainly flat ride with emphasis on safety, enjoyment and fitness.

Contact: Peter Gerrard - 0276 964 997



TITIRANGI WALK

Saturday 29th April at 9 30am

Meet at the carpark at the Filter Station, corner of Scenic Drive and Woodland Park Road. A short drive from Titirangi village. We will walk along Exhibition drive, an easy flat walk, and up the Beveridge Track to the Arataki Visitor Centre. Enjoy the stunning views and interesting displays. Walk is approx 10km.

Return to The Fringe Café, Titirangi for coffee/lunch

Bring: Walking shoes, clothing for the day and water

Contact: June Bell - 021 258 3013, 817 3093 or

fiveofsix48@hotmail.com



QUIZ NIGHT AT ALEXANDER TROTTER CLUB, GREENLANE WEST

Wednesday 3rd May at 6pm

6pm for dinner. The quiz starts at 7pm and goes until 9pm. Meet in the Alex bar and bistro on the main floor. I will save a table or two for us.

Bistro is steak night or you can order off the menu.

Bring: Yourself, a sense of fun and lots of information

Cost: Dinner and drinks

Pay by: On the night

Confirm by: 2nd May

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



SOCIAL EVENING

New Chang Thai Restaurant, 44 William Pickering Dr Albany
Thursday 4th May 2017 at 7pm

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: Meal and drinks

Pay by: On the night

Contact Alan Grigg - 0274 936 850 or alangrigg11@gmail.com



ALEXANDER HARNESS RACING

ALEXANDER TROTTING CLUB, GREENLANE WEST Friday 12th May at 6pm

Meet in the Lyell Creek Lounge (1st floor just up the stairs) for a fun night of racing. You can place a bet or just watch the activity. You may even be a big winner!!

The first race is at 6pm and I will have race books for you. There are 10 races in total.

Meals are available and they are very reasonable. There is also a cash bar for the bubbles when you win the big one.

The Lyell Creek Lounge is the walk up venue to be at if you are looking to be close to the action while enjoying a fantastic meal. Order your main meal from the bistro, and enjoy a buffet of freshly made salads and side dishes.

With prime seats overlooking the track, a covered viewing stand right outside the door, plus two bars and the opportunity to mix and mingle with Alexandra Park's owners and trainers, Lyell Creek has it all for an amazing night at the trots.

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish
Cost: Dinner, drinks and any bets you place
Pay: On the night
Confirm by: 10th May

Contact: Helene Harper - 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



BANANARAMA – BURLESQUE SHOW

Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Rd, Howick Saturday 20th May 2017 – Dinner 6pm, Show 8pm

An all new cast, featuring some of NZ's best vaudeville talent plus a live band, will entertain you with a fun filled, sassy performance that harks back to the burlesque shows of old, where beauties and comedians shared the stage. This class act puts the fun back into funny and guarantees everyone a good 'ol time. Don't delay making your booking – previous year's performance sold out quickly.

Show starts at 8pm. Optional dinner beforehand at La Padella Italian Restaurant, 503 Pakuranga Rd, Highland Park. Meet at 6pm.

Cost: \$29.00 Book online www.uxbridge.org.nz – general admission seating. Phone Uxbridge Theatre for any queries 535 6467. Dinner your cost please RSVP for dinner so I can confirm the numbers.

Pay by: Show - when you book; Dinner – on the night
Confirm to Libby as soon as you have made your booking.

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



OUR MAN IN HAVANA

Howick Little Theatre, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga

Saturday 27th May at 8pm

Jim Wormald, an unemployed vacuum salesman in 1950's Cuba, is struggling to pay for his teenage daughter's extravagant lifestyle. So when the British Secret Service asks him to become their 'man' in Havana he can't afford to say no. There's just one problem he doesn't know anything. A wonderfully funny and fast-moving romp.

Optional dinner at 6pm at La Padella Restaurant, 505 Pakuranga Rd, Highland Park.

Cost: Adults: \$29.00, Seniors 65+ with gold card \$26.00
Pay by: Please book your own tickets, email info@hlt.org.nz or phone Theatre office 09 534 1401 note bookings open 22nd April.

Confirm: Friday 12th May – Note Saturday 27th May is the final night.

Contact: Janice Calvert - jcalvert@bridoncookes.co.nz or 027 460 5704



TUAC AGM

Remuera Club, Ohinerau St Remuera. (formerly the Commercial Travellers Club).

Tuesday 30th May 2017 - 6pm to 9pm

We encourage all Thumbs Up Adventure Club members to attend our annual AGM. AGM Business will commence at 7pm.

We require 4 more committee members. If you are interested, please contact Mike Maran.

Guest speaker will be David & Michelle Morrison on cycling and walking in many interesting countries

Buffet meal includes bread roll, choice of 2 salads, 2 vegetable dishes, 1 meat dish, 1 carvery and dessert. Cost is \$25.

Please advise Mike asap or preferably 1 week before so he can advise the caterers. Buffet meal cost is based on minimum of 25 members.

Meal starts at 6.30. AGM format starts at 7.30

Time: 5.30pm for 6pm start - finish 9.00 to 9.30pm.

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

MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lilliput Golf Course, Tamaki Drive

Saturday 3rd June at 10am

Meet and park in the carpark alongside the Lilliput course on Tamaki Drive.

Time to sharpen up your golf putting skills, alongside the Dinosaur replicas at the Lilliput golf course.

We can select either 18 or 36 holes on the two different but challenging golf putting courses. The 18th hole is particularly challenging but lots of fun.

The 10am start will ensure that we are the first group to start, so hopefully no delays or queues.

Each of the 18 holes will take about 1hr to 1½ hours to complete

Cost: \$15 for 18 holes or \$22.50 for 36 holes.

Seniors \$12 for 18 holes or \$18 for 36 holes, includes putting club/ball

Pay: Direct on the day at the Lilliput entrance.

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



MOVIE NIGHT – RIALTO CINEMA, NEWMARKET

Sunday 11th June

I will pick a movie by Saturday 10th June and advise you. It will be late afternoon on the Sunday and for those that wish to we can have dinner afterwards in one of the cafes nearby.

Confirm by: Saturday 10th June.

Contact: Janice Calvert – 0274 605 704 or jcalvert@kinect.co.nz



JUBILEE SAILING TRUST DAY TRIP ON THE TALL SAILING SHIP, HMS TENACIOUS

Saturday 17th June 8.30am to 5pm

Ship departs from the wharf alongside the Maritime Museum left side of Princess Wharf.

A unique opportunity to assist on sailing a large sailing vessel and participate in all aspects of the adventure of tall ship sailing. The ship's primary purpose is to assist those with physical and intellectual disabilities and to encourage self-discovery while increasing life skills with active participation while enjoying yourself and making new friends. The Tenacious has a permanent crew who will assist you through any tasks that you want to get involved in. These tasks are voluntary which include assisting with disabled passengers, assisting the crew in sailing the vessel or just relaxing on the ship. The Tenacious is the largest operating timber hulled vessel in the world and is operated as a UN accredited charity under the Jubilee Sailing Trust NZ.

For more info on the trust go to www.jst.org.nz

Bring: Morning tea. Lunch and afternoon tea is included which is freshly baked and cooked from the ship's Galley. Vegetarian options available. Bring warm jacket, hat and any other gear for outside suitable for sailing activities.

Cost: The trust will discount the fare to TUAC members by 15% = \$174.25. They will also offer us an extra discount. If we have 4 members book, then 1 goes free reducing the cost to \$143.20 per person. If we have 7 members book, then 3 goes free, further reducing the cost to \$125.30 per person. The more TUAC members that book the more the fares can be reduced.

Confirm/Pay by 1st June. The correct discount amount that you need to pay will depend on the numbers we have booked. Please let Mike know so we can track the attendance. Please pay into the TUAC bank account.

Confirm/pay: By 1st June. Or please let me know asap so I can inform the Trust of the numbers of members expected.

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



BIKE WITH LIGHTS NIGHT RIDE - OREWA ESTUARY

Saturday 24th June at 5pm

Meet and park at 5pm for a 5.30 to 6pm start at the Orewa Western Reserve. Drive over the Orewa bridge and take the first entrance on your left. Park beside the toilets.

Those members with bikes it's time to light up at night. This will be TUAC's significant spectacular winter event. We are going to involve and invite all the Orewa bike community and any other bicycle organisations and clubs who would like to attend. We are hoping to have a multitude of bikes participating to make it a visual night time event and are going to cycle around the Orewa Estuary, which is about 7km. Millwater is halfway at 3.5kms and returning to Western Reserve.

The cycleway is mostly on tar sealed and concrete paths with some of the cycleway still on compacted gravel. The event will be advertised in the local paper and any TUAC members will be encouraged to hand out leaflets encouraging new members to join.

You can light up your bike by purchasing LED lights and batteries from the \$2 shops or similar. The club is hoping to have good media coverage.

Bring: Usual bike gear, warm jacket, camera
Cost: Free

Dinner after at your own cost at a café or restaurant in Orewa

Contact: Rob Arnett – 022 644 7886 or gyporob@yahoo.co.uk or David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesevverrall@xtra.co.nz



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT

**The Claddagh Irish Pub, Broadway, Newmarket
Saturday 1st July 2017 start at 6:30 pm**

Even if you have never played poker before, this is a fun version of the game and very easy to learn. Rules and scoring supplied.

To make it more exciting we will have a \$5 kitty and on the very last hand, winner takes all.

Pub food available and full bar (No BYO)

Cost: \$5.00 - pay cash on the night. Dinner & drinks your cost

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



"WEB-SITE 'GALLERY?'

For all you Event participants who take wonderful photos -why not share them with everyone else on our web-site. Email your photos to Rob Bell on trekkerrob48@gmail.com

JOKE (Contributed by Ron James)

A man met a beautiful blonde lady and decided he wanted to marry her right away. She said, "But we don't know anything about each other."

He said, "That's all right, we'll learn about each other as we go along." So,

she consented, they were married and off they went on a honeymoon at a very nice resort.

One morning they were lying by the pool when he got up off his towel, climbed up to the 10 metre board and did a two and a half tuck, followed by three rotations in the pike position, at which point he straightened out and cut the water like a knife.

After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on the towel. She said, "That was incredible!"

He said, "I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about each other as we went along."

So, she got up, jumped in the pool, and started doing laps.

After seventy-five laps, she climbed out of the pool, lay down on her towel, and was hardly out of breath.

He said, "That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?"

"No," she said, "I was a prostitute in Taupo, but I worked both sides of the Lake.

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."