



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 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.

June 2017 – July 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

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, 505 Pakuranga Road, Highland Park.

Cost: Adults: \$29.00, Seniors 65+ with gold card \$26.00

Pay by: Please book your own tickets, email info@hit.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



SCULPTUREUM, 40 OMAHA FLATS ROAD, MATAKANA

Friday 9th June 2017 at 10am

Meet at 10am in the carpark inside the gates of Sculptureum. Sculptureum is a multimillion dollar art garden which has taken 12 years to develop. Hundreds of works are on display in its three gardens and six galleries which have been chosen to amuse, inspire and stimulate. They are a mix of whimsy and wonder and include contemporary works by Cezanne, Monet, Chagall and Roden. The whole experience takes between 2 -3 hours but there is no time limit on your visit. see www.sculptureum.nz



There is a restaurant in Sculptureum or we can have lunch in Matakana.

Cost: Adults \$49, Gold card \$39 (a discount of 10% for 10 or more)

Pay: On the day

Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com

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



QUIZ NIGHT AT ALEXANDER TROTTLING CLUB

Greenlane West

Wednesday 7th June at 6pm

The committee has decided to make the quiz nights a regular once a month mental simulation for TUAC members. Last time we had sufficient members to make up 2 teams. The Quiz and steak nights are a regular Wednesday schedule for Alexander Park. It is not crowded, the buffet meals are good value and there is plenty of parking. The quiz starts at 7pm and finishes at 9pm. I will reserve a table. Meet at the Alex Bar and Bistro ground floor at 6pm.

Cost: Steak and bistro meal includes dessert at \$18.50 or order separately off the menu. Drinks extra

Pay: Direct on the night to Alex Park. Quiz team entry is free.

Bring: Your general knowledge and a friend.

Confirm: By 6th June

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 gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



ALL BLACKS VERSUS BRITISH & IRISH LIONS TEST NIGHT

Pot Luck Dinner before the game at David's, 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Saturday 1st July at 5pm

Come dressed in your supporters colours early for a shared pot luck meal followed by the televised game.

Bring: A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO

Please contact David by 29th June if you are coming and tell him what shared plate you are bringing.

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



ALL BLACKS VERSUS BRITISH & IRISH LIONS TEST NIGHT

Pot Luck Dinner before the game at David's - 11 Edgewater Grove, Orewa

Saturday 8th July at 5pm

Come dressed in your supporters colours early for a shared pot luck meal followed by the televised game.

Bring: A plate to share - nibbles, main or dessert. BYO

Please contact David by 6th July if you are coming and tell him what shared plate you are bringing.

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MID WINTER CHRISTMAS AT 'TOP OF THE PARK'

Alexandra Park Raceway,
Greenlane Road West, Epsom, Auckland
Friday 14th July 5.30pm to 10.30pm

Enjoy a festive night out and indulge in delicious food and beverages whilst enjoying the company and the atmosphere of Alexandra Park.

Come on inside at Alexandra Park for a fantastic night and mid-year mood booster that's sure to clear up any winter blues

- Complimentary drink on arrival
- Delicious buffet dinner
- Reserved tables for you and your guests
- Free parking
- Spot prizes on the night
- Live entertainment after the last race
- Race book

Meet in the lounge (1st floor just up the stairs) 'Top of the Park' for a fun night, with mid winter Christmas delicious food, and racing. You can play a bet or just watch the activities. Some us could be winners on the night.

Bring: Yourself and a friend if you wish

Cost: \$45 club members (full price \$85 non members)

Pay by: 30th June 2017

Pay: TUAC Account ASB Bank 12 3014 0118011 00

Confirm by: Friday 16th June (or asap to secure bookings)

Contact: Raywyn Brinsden – 021 455 863

raywynbrinsden@gmail.com



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The Claddagh Irish Pub, Broadway, Newmarket

Saturday 15th 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



EXPLORE NELSON BY BIKE, FOOT & KAYAK

Nelson, South Island

27th December 2017 to 7th January 2018

Expressions of interest for a trip to the Nelson region starting 27th December with the return date flexible. Fly into Nelson or take the ferry from Wellington.

Based in Nelson and exploring the region by mountain bike, on foot and by kayak. Rides include the Dun Trail and the Great Taste Trail in various sections. Walkers catered for as well with walks on the same trails as the riders, Rabbit Island and a walk through the Kahurangi National Park.

Further info: Would need to have an idea of numbers very quickly to arrange accommodation in Nelson.

Shared rental car for those flying in. Can take own bike.

Cost: To be advised when numbers are decided. Extra costs would be mountain bike hire and kayaking.

Confirm by: 9th June

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

ABEL TASMAN

Thursday 25th January to Saturday 27th January 2018

Walk the Abel Tasman on a 3 day package which include all transfers to and from the track, 2 nights' accommodations, all luggage transfers – you carry just a daypack with your supplied pack lunch etc, all food except dinner and breakfast at Awaroa Lodge and a personalised itinerary, maps and other information.



See www.abeltasmanguides.co.nz

Cost: \$785 pp Share twin - single supplement applies

\$200 deposit pp is required when booking with the balance due one month before the trip

Limited spaces available so you will need to book ASAP

Contact: Sheila Jenkins – 021 479 256 or sheilly.jenkins@gmail.com

ABEL TASMAN

29th January to 1st February 2018

Felicity and I are tramping Abel Tasman this summer. It is not an organised TUAC trip but if anyone wants to come along independently at the same time as us, then this is when we're going.

First step will be to check hut availability and book on the DOC website as these can sell out fast. Bookings opened yesterday.

Anchorage Hut 29th January

Bark Bay Hut 30th January

Awaroa Hut 31st January

Whariwharangiri Hut 1st February

Then organise flights.

About 4 hours tramping each day.

We will use a water taxi for the estuary crossing from Awaroa Hut due to difficult tide times.

Contact Rob - 0274 733 589 or robcorne@hotmail.com

JOKE

A mother-in-law stopped unexpectedly by her son's house after he was recently married.

She rang the doorbell and stepped into the house to see her daughter-in-law standing naked by the door.

"What are you doing?" the mother-in-law asked.

"I am waiting for my husband to come home from work," the daughter-in-law replied.

"Why are you naked?" asked the mother-in-law.

"This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law replied.

"Love dress? You are naked!" said the mother-in-law.

"But my husband loves it when I wear this dress. It makes him happy, and he makes me happy. I would appreciate your leaving now because my husband will be home any minute."

Soured by all of this romantic stuff, the mother-in-law left. On the way home, she thought about the "love dress" and got an idea. She undressed, showered, applied her best perfume, and waited by the door for her husband to come home.

Finally, the pickup truck pulled into the driveway, and she took her place by the door. The father-in-law opened the door and immediately saw his wife naked by the door.

"What are you doing?" he asked

"This is my love dress," the mother-in-law replied.

"Maybe you should iron it first," he said.

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

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."