



# Newsletter

# May/June 2004

**Hello Folks,**

The Jubilee Dinner - what a great evening. It was fascinating to hear all the stories of past adventures. There is so much information available that the Club MUST make an effort to record it for future generations. I was privileged to view some of this information whilst preparing a few slides and video presentations, but there is so much more.

Can I strongly urge those of you with information about kayaking history to review what you have, write a few rough notes about each picture and then contact me. I will coordinate the transfer of this material to digital form. Over time we will preserve this information and also have it readily available for viewing by other Club members.

One person correctly identified the mystery object. For those of you that didn't the details are in this issue - the last of our Jubilee events!



*Ian*

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**Deadline for next month's newsletter: 11 May 2004**

# Useful phone numbers and addresses

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The Club maintains two e-mail groups:

To subscribe to the discussion list, send a blank e-mail to: [auckland-kayakers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:auckland-kayakers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
For event reminders, send a blank e-mail to: [auckland-canoe-club-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:auckland-canoe-club-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## Where can you go to get training?

### **Auckland Canoe Centre, phone 815 2073**

Basic confidence course, Henderson Pool, Tuesday evenings  
- \$120 for four sessions.

One-on-One rolling, Henderson Pool, Tuesday evenings  
- \$149 for three sessions. \$55 for single 90 minute lesson.  
Multisport Grade 2 Certificate, white water, sea kayaking  
one and two-day courses run frequently.

### **Canoe and Kayak, phone 479 1002**

Sea Kayaking intro course – Friday pool session, plus Sat/Sun  
9 – 5, \$230

Rolling sessions, Northcote College Pool - \$150 for four  
sessions.

White water, Multisport, Advanced Sea Kayaking, First aid and  
First aid refresher courses available.

### **Fergs Kayaks, phone 529 2230**

Basic paddling skills – paddle strokes, rescues – Sunday  
morning, Okahu Bay - \$30 for Club members.

Learn to roll, one-on one, heated pool - \$60 per hour.

White water, and Multisport River Racing courses also  
available.

### **George Gerard, phone 814 8989 (hm), 367 0959 (wk).**

Pool Training, Kelston Girls, Thursday evenings - \$95 for  
first three sessions, \$10 thereafter. Intro Sea Kayaking,  
White water, and Down River Racing courses on request  
– courses are designed to fit what the participants want  
- \$100 per day (approx), plus boat hire (\$10 / day)

### **Outdoor Discoveries Ltd, Chris Gulley, phone 813 3399**

Intro Skills \$155, overnight Ocean Kayaking Course  
\$245. Surfing Courses also available. Courses run by  
professional SKOANZ Assessors/Guides. Details on  
website [www.outdoordiscoveries.co.nz](http://www.outdoordiscoveries.co.nz)

### **Positively Outdoors, Liz Maire and Christine Mcleod, ph 473 0027, fax 473 0731.**

Two-day OSH certified outdoors first aid course - \$140

10% discount if four or more club members enrol for a course.

There are also a few club members that are experienced  
instructors and with a bit of encouragement (bribery and/or  
arm-twisting!) might be coaxed into giving a training session...

Ian Calhaem, Rebecca Heap, Ken Marsh, John Maynard,  
Mike Randall.

## Safety Policy for Club Trips.

- 1 Any Club member who has any doubt about whether or not their skills are sufficient for a particular trip MUST contact the trip leader ahead of time to discuss safety issues.
- 2 It is your responsibility to wear a buoyancy aid, to be suitably dressed for the conditions, and to carry any other personal safety equipment necessary for the trip.
- 3 You must make a realistic assessment that your strength and endurance are sufficient for whatever is planned.
- 4 You must be able to re-enter your kayak (with help from another paddler if necessary) after a capsize in deep water.
- 5 With night paddling it is everybody's responsibility to provide their own large lens flashlight, or fixed all-round white light on a one metre high pole, in working order and mounted on the outside of the kayak where it can be seen at all times.
- 6 Use a craft appropriate for the trip. A kayak with water-tight bulkheads is essential for open sea kayaking. Sit-on kayaks are usually too slow to be able to keep up with sea kayaks, therefore, are not recommended on trips planned for sea kayaks.

# Trips and Events Calendar

Remember to contact the trip leader before you set out. This is important because the leader needs to know the capabilities of those who are coming and to be able to contact you if the plan changes. Please be aware that you paddle on a Club trip at your own risk. Read the safety policy (page 2). If there is any chance that you may be a liability to the rest of the group or to the leader be sure to inform the leader of this before you set out.

## TRIP CANCELLATIONS

The Club is now using "Newstalk ZB" cancellation service. This can be listened to on 1080AM or 89.4FM.

The service runs on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00am.

This should eliminate the multitude of phone calls to trip leaders when the weather looks suspect.

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## Regular Evening Paddles

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Remember... you **MUST** have either an all-round white light on a pole, or else a large-lens (eg. Dolphin) torch, in good working condition, mounted on the outside of your kayak. This is actually a legal requirement, so, no light, no paddle. As discussed in a previous Newsletter, the Coastguard, do not recommend the use of flashing lights. It is apparently difficult to judge their distance and they are also used to signify danger. Also, it is advisable before going out on an evening paddle that you attend a basic skills course and ensure you are fit enough to be able to paddle for one hour.

All paddlers **MUST** provide their own night-lights. All skill levels welcome. Meet at Okahu Bay by 5:30pm, ready to be on the water by 5:45pm. An experienced paddler will be rostered on to look after new/novice/slow paddlers. Fitter and more-experienced paddlers can form their own group(s). Trips usually last 1 – 2 hours, destination dictated by tide, weather conditions and skill levels. Club boats can be hired at the subsidised rates of: \$5 to club members, and \$10 for non-members/guests. ( At all other times, Club boat hire is \$20/day or part day , for members and guests.)

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## Saturday Morning Paddles

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**Saturdays Morning Coffee at Caf'e at Kohi.** Meet at Okahu Bay by 9am, all skill levels welcome. Paddle duration will be about 2 hours, a great chance for new/novice/slow paddlers to mix and mingle with older/ experienced club members. Club boats can be hired. **For more details please phone Gavin Baker on 528 5188 or email gavinbaker@clear.net.nz**

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## June

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**Queens Birthday Weekend of June 4 - 7th - Lake Tarawera.** South of Rotorua This use to be an old Asknet favourite. Paddle to Hot Water Beach & camp right on the lake beside the hot pools. Enjoy mulled wine & the pools right beside your campground. But make sure you have warm clothes when you get out of the pools. From here you can enjoy day trips on the water or walk to Rotomahana, a neighbouring lake. Yes, this area can also reach very low over night temperatures.

There are still a few spots left. We will be staying at the Crash Palace Backpackers on Friday night, 4th June.

Leaving from the boat ramp on Lake Tarawera at 9.00 am on Sat 5th June. Remember this area can be very cold so bring warm clothes, red wine and plenty of food. For any more details or to book your spot, **phone Justin on 025-868 177 or 278 8090.**

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## July

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**Saturday 3rd July. Mid-winter Christmas Dinner.** At old Caretakers Cottage, Administration Bay, Motutapu Is. Join us for a Mid-winter Christmas dinner, Lamb roast and mint sauce, crackers, party hats, streamers, balloons and bubbles. Dress formal, limited place's. For more info please **phone Morgan Lewis on 6204005 or email morganl@extra.co.nz**



**Trips needed urgently**

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## August

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**Tuesday 24th August - Auckland Stardome.** Night navigation for sea Kayakers, for an experience that is truly out of this world, sit back in the Observatory Planetarium, an all-sky, 360\* panoramic theatre and enjoy a multimedia experience featuring 3500 brilliant stars, delivered by special effects projectors linked with stunning digital sound, learn about what a Kayaker should look for when paddling at night, how Celestial navigation works, about the Moon, Sun and tides, there affects etc, etc, etc.

This will be a great evening and is every much a rare event, so please make an effort to come along, the cost will be published at a later date, nearer to the time and there will be also an opportunity to purchase things at the Observatory shop. Be there at 6.45pm for a 7 o'clock start, there is seating available for up to 85 people. The Stardome Observatory is situated on the lower southern slopes of One Tree Hill.

Enter One tree Hill domain from the Manukau road, the Stardome Observatory is approximately 100m into the park. Please register your interest early, contact **Morgan Lewis on 6204005 or email [morganl@extra .co.nz](mailto:morganl@extra.co.nz)**.

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## October/November 2004 - Whanganui River - Jubilee Trip

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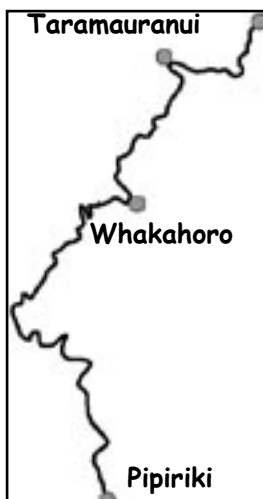
The club intends to paddle the Whanganui River in October or early November this year. This used to be the annual Summer holiday trip of the club. Members have respected and contributed to the rivers history over many years. The outline of the trip is as follows:

Unguided river cruise from Ohinepane (22km below Taumarunui) to Pipiriki in 5 or 6 days. For paddlers with a shorter holiday an option is to paddle from Whakahoro to Pipiriki in three days. The two groups would be paddling the last three days together with the last welcome and shared dinner can be

All participants have to be self supporting Touring kayaks, seakayak singles and are suitable for the trip. Operators in offering kayaks and canoes for hire. secure car parking, river drop off and campsites along the river. There are come first served basis. DOC charges

We would like your indication of preferred be included in the trip by finishing in October. This could mean however and gear will have to be booked well in

Another option would be early November, people on the river.



nights stop at Tieke Marae. A traditional Maori arranged at the Marae. with kayaks or canoes, camping and food. doubles or open canoes, preferable in plastic, the area of Taumarunui and National Park are We intend to make use of their services for pick-ups. Overnight camping is in tents on DOC two huts with toilet and camp facilities on a first \$25.00 a person for Camp and Tent fees.

dates. The Labour Weekend holidays could Taumarunui on labour Day Monday the 25th of very busy campsites and huts, and hire canoes advance.

when the days are getting longer with less

### Proposed Dates:

Option 1 (Labour Weekend) 20 - 25 October

Option 2 9 - 14 November

At this stage we ask for indication how many club members are interested in the Whanganui River Trip and a preferred date option. Please let any committee member know, or phone Peter Sommerhalder at work 815-2073.

We will publish details of a more precise timetable, equipment for hire, car / people shuttles in the next newsletters.

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Sandringham, Auckland 1003  
New Zealand  
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# AGM Report

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## MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 18 May 2004 Commencing at 7.35 pm

**Present** Matt Crozier, Rona Patterson, Des Matthews, Alan Edwards, Ian and Alison Calhaem, Ken Marsh, David Ward, Margaret Thwaites, John Hieatt, Rosie Thom, Justin Sanson-Beattie, Trevor Arthur, Gavin Baker, Paul Bradshaw, Philip Noble, Gerard Fagan, Lindsay Sandes, Rosemary Gatland, Paul Franks, Roger Lomas, Mike Randall, John and Leonie Watts, Joan Williams, Carlos Nieto, Kevin Parr

**Apologies** Sue Chalk, Craig Kilpatrick, Brian Strid, Morgan Lewis, Sue and Peter Sommerhalder, Jim Mason, Vincent Maire, Sue Grayson, Sue Noble, Colin Quilter, Wayne Fitzsimons, Andrew Francis

**Minutes of the 2003 AGM** having been circulated were taken as read.

Ian Calhaem/Lindsay Sandes - Carried

**President's Report** was tabled and read by Matt Crozier and is attached to these minutes.

Rona Patterson/John Watts – Carried

**Treasurer's Report** was tabled and explained by Alan Edwards – attached to these minutes. Accounts will be audited within the next three weeks.

Gerard Fagan/Ken Marsh - Carried

**Gear Officer's Report** was outlined and is attached to these minutes.

Rosie Thom/Gerard Fagan - Carried

**Nominations Patron** - Roger Lomas addressed the meeting and nominated **John Watts**.

Seconded by Trevor Arthur - Carried

The President explained that only two Executive positions, those of Treasurer and Trips Officer, were vacant. Ian Calhaem moved 'That all other Committee members remain unchanged'.  
Seconded by Matt Crozier - Carried

**Trips Officer** - **Gavin Baker**

Lindsay Sandes/Matt Crozier - Carried

**Treasurer** - **Des Matthews**

Matt Crozier/Philip Noble - Carried

**Committee** - **Margaret Thwaites**

Roger Lomas/Rosie Thom - Carried

**Wayne Fitzsimons**

Roger Lomas/Gerard Fagan - Carried

**General Business** Gerard Fagan opened up discussion as to how we can attract trip leaders. It was agreed that club members who had indicated they would take trips, will be approached.

David Ward asked what the legal ramifications were for liability for trip leaders in the light of recent charges made against a bike race organizer following the death of a cyclist. This is to be clarified and club members will be advised.

With the increase of the clubrooms rental, the President asked members to consider how the club can make more use of them.

Vine House will soon be ready for more frequent use - one weekend per month is planned.

Club merchandise was available for sale following the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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## POOL TRAINING

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**Thursday 7:30-8:45 G.I . Aquatics, 122 Elstree Ave.**

A group of club members are conducting sessions to help each other with water confidence, support strokes, rescue and rolling sessions, using small river kayaks. Cost \$10.00 per session. Beginners positively encouraged.

**Ph Margaret 524 6020**



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## Thoughts about the Jubilee Dinner

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Cant wait to see the poem mike writes  
about the jubilee dinner.  
did anyone notice, in bygone days,  
the average weight was thinner.

that bus you used to travel in.  
its shape defies description.  
obviously aerodynamics  
wasn't part of the prescription.

the evening was just fabulous.  
I loved the stories told.  
your stories were so vibrant,  
you guys were very bold.

The film last night could be used by OSH for something. I am not sure what.  
Perhaps to give themselves nightmares.

I thought the commentary alone deserved an award.

" they should be all right."

[and they were.]

Thank you for an excellent, informative, and amusing evening.

It reinforced my very strong belief, that in modernising things, we lose such a lot.

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421 Leigh Road, R.D. 5 Warkworth. 094226668.

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## JUBILEE WINE GLASSES - FOR SALE

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Those of you who missed out on a fabulous Jubilee dinner do not have to miss out on Jubilee wine glasses. We can offer these, specially engraved with our Jubilee logo, for \$12 each.

Please post your cheque, made out to Auckland Canoe Club, with your name, address and contact phone number, indicating how many glasses you would like to: Peter Sommerhalder, c/o 502 Sandringham Road, Auckland 1003, or email order to [peter@kayak.co.nz](mailto:peter@kayak.co.nz).

**This offer will close on June 10th and can not be repeated.**

### Rogues Gallery - The Jubilee Dinner



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**Deadline for next month's newsletter: 13 July 2004**

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