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Winter Lecture Series – Wednesday 20th July *(See page 4 for details)*



Lunch stop – hard to beat.

PHOTO PAUL HAYWARD

Auckland Canoe Club Information

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Clubrooms

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Club Trip/Event Policies

Visit the Club website for details of safety and other important policies.

Contacting trip/event organiser

You must notify the trip organiser in advance of your intention to go on a trip. Organisers need to know numbers and to be able to contact you if the plan changes.

You must also discuss with the organiser in advance any medical or other conditions (such as your experience and ability) that might affect the progress of the group.

Cancellation

If the weather looks uncertain call the trip co-ordinator.

Club Banking Details

Bank BNZ
Branch Newmarket
Account 02-0100-0023453-000
Name Auckland Canoe Club

IMPORTANT

If you are depositing money to the Club Account please ensure that you include YOUR name so that the Treasurer knows who deposited the money.

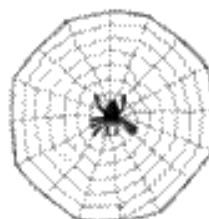
Internet Banking

All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

This means that you can pay to

Auckland Canoe Club

without having to enter the account number.
Check with your bank.



Club Website Access

Password waikopua



Deadline for Next Newsletter

20 July 2011

Kayak Hire

To book a kayak, enter details in the diary.
Check diary before taking a kayak.

Kayak Hire Rates

Single kayaks

Daily hire – out am, back pm \$20.00

Half day – out am, back am
out pm, back pm \$10.00

Double kayaks

Daily hire – out am, back pm \$30.00

Half day – out am back am
out pm back pm \$15.00

- Please enter details of hire in register and on an envelope.
- Put money in envelope and place envelope in honesty box.
- **No I.O.U.s!**
- Carry or wheel kayaks to water.
- No seal launching.
- Please wash kayaks before returning to rack.
- Report faults or problems on the faults/problems sheet.

Skills Practice

Skills / Rolling Practice – Okahu Bay

Come along to Okahu Bay on Sundays at 10am to brush up on your skills!!

For more information please phone
John Williams on 021 131 0516

NEW MEMBER



Welcome

The Committee extends a warm welcome to the following new members ...

Meredith Blesing
and Kevin Huang

Regular Events

Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

This gem in Mahurangi Harbour is a 2 km paddle from Sullivans Bay, which is the ARC park at the end of the Mahurangi West Road, first on the right past Puhoi.

The house sleeps 10 and has all creature comforts. Bring sleeping bag, pillow case and food. A shared meal and nibbles is the norm for Saturday night, so bring your goodies.

Lagoon Bay is very tidal, so bringing a kayak trolley is a good idea. The range of paddling is endless, eg Waiwera, Warkworth, Kawau Island, Motuora Island – your choice. Or just rest and read and enjoy this tranquil and special place. We recommend you take a carry bag to get all your gear up the track to the house. Secure parking is at Sullivans Bay. Leave a note on your dashboard reading “Vine House Volunteer” when you park in front of the ranger’s house.

Please ring to book a bed, and for detailed directions.
Trevor 817-7357, Matt 817-1984.



Saturday Morning Paddles

If you are into good coffee, good company and usually a leisurely paddle then these are the trips for you.

A small but growing group meet about 9:00am on Saturday mornings to paddle to one of the beaches – St Heliers, Kohimarama or Mission Bay for coffee.

Note: Paddlers under 18 to be accompanied by a guardian!

Winter Lecture Series

Wednesday 20th July, Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive

Auckland Kayakers Paul Hayward and Natasha Romoff will be along to present
Alaska – Kayaking with Bears, Sea Otters and Whales



◀ Menace.

▼ Finding a way through.



Wet world from tent.

Our 2010 trip to Alaska saw us paddle a folding double kayak 400 km north from Sitka, along the outside Pacific coast, into Icy Straits and up into the huge Glacier Bay National Park. This brought us from the coastal rainforest, past some big mountain ranges and to the very foot of a calving glacier. There, the tidewater McBride Glacier sits at the head of a fjord that was completely full of glacier when Natasha was born and now we paddled amongst the bergy bits.

Our route took the two of us through the Myriad Islands, past Baranof & Chichagof Islands' massive Tongass Forest, through one of the world's most active humpback areas at Point Adolphus and – except for the three tiny coastal settlements along the way (Pelican, Elfin Cove & Bartlett Cove) – we saw almost nobody in the 14 days.

To underline the wilderness aspect of Alaska, it has one sixth of the people in NZ – but is 6.5 times as large and has twice the shoreline. Glacier Bay Park rangers estimate they have 5000 Alaskan brown bears in the park and nobody really knows how many there are in the Tongass – a very healthy number, certainly (at least it's healthy if you're a bear).

We've whittled down our 3600 photos and will illustrate the talk with some fairly good ones taken at sea and on land – of wildlife, sea conditions and wild places. As we proceed, we'll put in just a few maps & charts, as I believe that a kayaking audience enjoys knowing where they are.

We'll talk about the dangers the trip posed and the fun we had in planning how to survive & enjoy those challenges. We'll touch briefly on how we got us and all our kit (folding double kayak & camping gear) from Auckland up to Alaska and back. Some of that tale will look at the coastal ferry the MV Columbia, an inexpensive and magic alternative to cruise ships for getting up the scenic Canadian west coast, while sleeping in your own tent – duct-taped to her wide steel after-deck..

We'll bring the folding kayak and some of our specialised kit for you to have a look at...

Paul

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Winter Lecture Series

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Paul Hayward is an Engineer from Montreal who moved to NZ nearly 30 years ago, working in industrial control and software development – currently specialising in databases for small businesses. In Canada he did some canoeing and sailing, while in NZ he's done lots more sailing and, in the last 10 years, an immoderate amount of kayaking – mostly throughout NZ.

Natasha Romoff is a Botanist turned Project Manager, originally from Cape Town who moved to NZ about

15 years ago. Her second career in IT sees her currently managing international projects for a NZ firm. Natasha sailed in SA and has also kayaked extensively in NZ. She has recently become a self-taught expert on not getting eaten by bears...

Meet at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. A \$2 door charge covers your supper and helps with a gift for the evening's presenters.

Need more info: **Roger Lomas 846 6799**

Club Trips – July 2011

Please phone **Eddie on 480 5623**, mobile **027 271 4679** or email **Eddiev@blacktop.co.nz** Wednesday or Thursday to express interest in any of the trips listed below.

Wednesday 20 July

Winter Lecture Series at the Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive

Come along and listen to Paul Hayward and Natasha Romoff talk about kayaking with bears, sea otters and whales in Alaska.

Meet at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

Call **Roger on 846 6799** for more information.

Sunday July 24

Paddle Rangitoto

Join Philip and friends to paddle around this great geological phenomenon of the gulf. This time we'll

paddle clockwise but need to time our trip to get to Gardner Gap at high tide or face a portage. Bring lunch, camera and fishing gear.

Phone Philip at 575 3493 on Thursday or Friday evening to register interest and time and place of departure.

July 30 and 31

Vine House Weekend

A chance to get away from the crowds for a laid back weekend with good company and good food.

Call Trevor 817 7357 to book a bed and for detailed information.

Swim Escort Dates 2011 / 2012

The Auckland Central Masters Harbour Swim Committee has made the proposed dates for next season's harbour swims known.

27 November 2011	Herne Bay to Curran Street	9.00am start
11 December 2011	Chelsea Sugar Swim	7.30am start
12 February 2012	St Heliers Bay to Tamaki Yacht Club	10.00am start
26 February 2012	Rangitoto Wharf to St Heliers Bay	10.00am start

Please put these dates in your diaries. As these are popular days where large numbers of our members get together, and we earn some funds for the club, we would like to see as many of you as possible at these events.

Eddie

Mist on the Manukau

A trip on the Manukau is fairly uncommon, but in very calm conditions, and with one of the group living out west, we headed for Cornwallis on Queens Birthday Monday morning, to paddle from Cornwallis to Awhitu Regional Park on Awhitu Peninsula and back.

Three of us set off in thick mist, fog actually, from Cornwallis Wharf at 10.00am on the incoming tide, heading SSE, with visibility about 100m or so. Paddling in thick mist was like paddling in a goldfish bowl – all around a wall of soft grey, but straight above a circle of blue. No wind. After about 50 minutes we approached Awhitu Peninsula (Big Bay) through an ethereal rainbow, almost colourless, in subtle shades of grey, but bright at the ends where it touched land or water. Magical in the mist. Mako Point starting to emerge as a fuzzy shape to our right.

Another hour and we were at our destination, the beach by the historic Brooks Homestead. It was about 1½ hrs before the high tide, with the mist just lifting.

We had lunch and walked up to the homestead, tidily painted outside but locked and empty inside. Nearby are two amazing (150 yr old?) macrocarpas, one with thick cords snaking upwards and making its massive trunk, the other, slimmer, but with elliptical, not round, branches which hang like floppy underarms.

Returning we left at 1.30pm on the high tide, heading down harbour. The mist had cleared to a blue sky, but over the Waitakere Ranges it still looked overcast and threatening. We could see across to the volcanoes on the main isthmus, and to the Sky Tower. We could even see the Memorial on top of One Tree Hill. Calm, calm, calm. The surface of the water oily flat.

From Big Bay we made a beeline for Cornwallis Point, rather than travelling further up-harbour before heading into the bay, but ended up regretting this. We hadn't expected the current to be so strong only an hour and a half after high tide, and some effort was finally required after the easy paddling so far. Paddling strongly, and making about 1 kph at one stage as we passed the Point, we arrived back at Cornwallis Wharf at 3.30pm.

An excellent trip, but make sure you plan it so as to travel with the tides, and allow for the direction of the currents; and always pre-check the weather on the Manukau.

Trip Statistics:

Travelled 24 km return in 3 ¾ hrs paddling time.

Moving average: 6.3 kph

Fastest speed 11 1/2 kph, on the way back as we went with the main current of water pouring out of the Manukau passage opposite Mako Point.



*Erica,
Lester,
Jocelyn*

President's Report

I know I have said it before, but the Club exists because of many people working tirelessly behind the scenes for all our members.

These people work without any formal recognition for our benefit. The Club does not have a very public structure for recognising such selfless behaviour but over the years the purpose of the Life Membership which is defined in our constitution has developed into a prestigious award reserved for only the most deserving of our members.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I can announce that at the last Winter Series Lecture, the Committee bestowed Life membership on one of your most active members – Colin Quilter.

Collin has been a member of the Club for over 25 years and in that time has filled many of the formal club roles and well as many others. Collin has served on the Committee, organised the swim escorts, been an expedition organiser and a leader, has been a

regular contributor to the Newsletter and to the Winter Series Lectures.

In his spare time Collin designed the existing Club logo, manufactured and hung the wooden doors on the end of our building at The Landing, and has been a supporter, organiser and active participant in the Brown's Island Rubbish Clean up days.

On behalf of all Club members, I say thank you to Collin for his untiring service to the Club.

May you continue to enjoy Club Membership for many years to come.

Ian Calhaem **President**



Ian Calhaem congratulates Collin Quilter on his appointment as a Life Member of the Auckland Canoe Club.

Waikato Winter Paddling

Roger Lomas

Over the years the early morning kayak group have often journeyed south over the Bombay Hills for a paddle. This is usually a good option when wild weather or unfavorable tides preclude our usual sea schedule. In recent months we have been down that way a couple of times.

On **Saturday 18th June** a small group of us ventured into the Whangamarino Wetlands. At this time of the year there is no shortage of water about, both above and below. Luckily we found a hunters hut up in the swamplands which provided shelter and warmth for our cuppa stop. Highlights of this paddle included watching the Feildays Express Train (steam hauled) thundering past us in the wetland wilderness. We also enjoyed a rare opportunity to paddle up over the Whangamarino River weir without having to portage, courtesy of a high river level.

We were back in the region on **Saturday 2nd July** for a morning run down the Waikato River from Huntly to Mercer. This is a picturesque part of the lower river, and runs past over twenty islands. Lots of channel choices added to the fun. We enjoyed a cuppa stop in the sunshine at the Rangiriri Bridge ramp before embarking on the final leg down to Mercer.

The 40km paddle at an easy pace took less than 4 hours. Our car shuttle on the Waikato Expressway was a breeze.

Roger



◀ Crossing the Whangamarino weir.
Tony Hannifin and Jeff Amsden.

▼ Rangiriri bridge ramp and time for a cuppa.



◀ Getting ready at the Huntly boat ramp.

PHOTOS R LOMAS

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



- New Member**
 Rejoining

Surname: _____ **First Name:** _____
Family Name(s) _____

Address: _____ **Suburb:** _____ **City:** _____
Phone (home): _____ **Mobile:** _____ **Fax:** _____
Phone (work): _____ **Email:** _____

Rate your Experience: I have completed a basic skills course.

- No Experience**
 Novice (confidently forward and backpaddle, paddle for 30 mins without rest)
 Intermediate (able to brace, perform a deep water entry, paddle for at least 2 hours or 25 km)
 Advanced (self rescue in all situations, off-shore paddling experience)

Do you own a kayak? **Yes** **No** **If YES list type(s):** _____

Please select the types of kayaking your are most interested in:

- Sea kayaking Touring Sea kayaking racing
 Whitewater Surf/rodeo/polo MultiSport

Kayak trips: Are you interested in co-ordinating kayak trips? **Yes** **No**

To comply with the Privacy Act 1993, please read and complete the form below.

I Agree **I Disagree**

To let the Auckland Canoe Club publish my name, address phone Number or any other information concerning me in the Club Newsletter or to National Canoe Associations. I accept responsibility for correcting this information where applicable.

The Auckland Canoe Club and its officers take no responsibility for any injury any person may suffer, or any damage to equipment, while participating in the Club's kayaking activities. Any Person, who does participate, acts at his or her own risk.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Fees for the year ending 31 March 2012

- Member \$30** **Family \$35** **Life Member**

Post to: Auckland Canoe Club, PO Box 9271 Newmarket, Auckland

Total Payment

- Cheque** **Bank Transfer**

Bank: BNZ, Newmarket
Acct: 02-0100-0023453-000
Name: Auckland Canoe Club
Particulars: **Your name & initials**
Code: **Subscription**