



NOTES and NEWS

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JACOB GERBER - SCOUT FROM CALIFORNIA VISITS DOUBTLESS BAY SCOUTS

Recently Jacob Gerber, a 10 year old Scout from California and his family visited us at the Doubtless Bay Scout den. This was a family night where we could compare American and New Zealand Scouting.

The evening started with a Welcome from Chairperson Melissa Baldwin followed by Flag Up and then a presentation of Warrants - Chris Brace received his Probationary Warrant, Lian Jones her Scout Leader Warrant and Annette Garrett her Associate Leader Warrant.

The evening continued with a race involving both youth and adults in teams, pulling on overalls and a comedy hat then wearing flippers and racing a distance and back for the next team member to have a go. This created much amusement and laughter for everyone.

This was followed by our Explorer Scouts Natasha Bockus and Alahna Stevenson giving presentations on the history of Doubtless Bay Scout and Guide Group and speeches were made about recent trips to National Schools- Aviation (Tony Beckham), Photography (Jadin Leslie), Caving (Olivia Beeson) and Spirit of New Zealand (Olivia and Valesha Stevenson). The theme for the evening being Kiwiana, Campfire songs (very witty), NZ songs and the New Zealand National Anthem in both English and Maori were sung.

Jacob and his family spoke about their life in California and similarities and differences they had observed between our two Scouting Cultures. They also spoke about their camps and Jamborees. This was followed by a couple of comical songs the family sung; one in particular where the words to God Bless America were changed to God Bless my Underwear which left everyone in stitches. The Gerber family presented Doubtless Bay Scouts with the American Book of Scouting and in return took back to California a selection of NZ Scout Badges.



The evening concluded with a Kiwi Kai Supper consisting of kumara, fried bread, pavlova and kiwifruit, L&P, hokey pokey ice cream and a brew of billy tea. A great evening was had by all.

DID YOU

..... or didn't you?

The election for the three Regional Reps on the National Council was held last month and every Group, via the Group Leader, was advised of this ballot. Each Group is allowed one vote for each of a maximum of three candidates.

One of our Northland members, Peter Bayne, was a candidate and it was important that we used our voting rights fully if we were to retain him as a Council member.

Alas! It did not happen and he missed re-election by just a very few votes.

Although Northland had the second highest % return of votes in the Upper North Island Region, we still had 40% of our Groups that did not vote. **Not good enough!**

Within the UNI Region approx. 80 sets of votes were on offer, 14 of them from Northland, yet 5 Northland Groups did not use their important vote.

Being the only really rural Zone in this Region, it was important that we tried to retain a rep from this Zone as a Regional rep. so that we were able to present a rural viewpoint where necessary

The National Council is the policy making body of ScoutsNZ and as such it is vital that your opinion is voiced. This is done via the Regional Reps and now those UNI persons are all resident in or near Auckland.

Thank you. Peter, for the job you have done, and I regret that some Groups did not show the support that should have been expected.

... Des Olney - National Council Life Member.

Gay's Message

How proud I felt in the weekend at the Regional Conference to be a Northlander

As soon as I stepped through the door I was met by Sue (our very helpful Regional Support Person) who couldn't wait to tell me how very impressed she was by our Venturers at the Regional Youth Forum the day before. Their appearance, behaviour and input were all commented on and as you can imagine this is just the kind of feedback that a Zone leader likes to hear. I had great pleasure in thanking her for her lovely words, as well as telling her that I think they are wonderful too

Later on during the conference the Rover Reps showed some photos taken the day before and our Venturers really stood out, looking so smart in their white shirts. The Northland Team had great pleasure in letting out a big cheer when an attendance graph was put up on the screen which showed that "our lot" were just so far ahead that you would have had to combine all of the other units to come anywhere near us - **Well done Whangarei Combined and many thanks for being such great representatives of Northland Scouting.**

I would also like to thank those Leaders who attended the Youth Forum as well as those who attended the Regional Conference with me. I appreciated that you each gave up some or all of your weekend for the good of Scouting. A special "pat on the back" must go to Brian Corney who attended both days and of whom Bob Hale (Regional Venture Leader) spoke to me, in glowing terms, which was lovely to hear. One of the main benefits of a day like this is the chance to mix and mingle freely with our fellow Scouters from the Big Smoke and surrounding area, and believe me it is much more enjoyable than my usual means of keeping in touch with them - spending a couple of hours with a phone held to my ear (which gets more numb by the minute) trying to make sense of a meeting that is going on in a hall a few hundred kilometers away.

Those at the conference came from all over the Region (some rural and some metropolitan) and while we may all have had a different perspective on things, based on the Section or Zone we were representing, at the end of the day we all wanted the best for Scouting. It was therefore important that we put any differences aside and worked for the betterment of Scouting within the Region (though we made sure that everyone was aware that things that work in the city don't always work in the smaller towns and rural areas)

I hope that as a Zone we also remember that at times it is important that we put aside any differences we may have had with other Groups or Leaders and try to work together for the betterment of Northland Scouting - and we should always remember that the most important people in Scouting are The Youth and they should always be at the forefront of our minds when any decisions are made.

I would like to finish by offering my congratulations to Des Olney, Peggy & George Morrison and the Doubtless Bay Scout Group who have all recently been recognized with various Community Awards - **Well Done**

Gay

Activity Permits issued recently in Northland Zone

- o **Doubtless Bay**
 - o Shackleton Swim Challenge
 - o Train Visit (Coopers Beach)
 - o Training Regatta (Parua Bay)
 - o Snow Trip (Mt Ruapehu)
 - o Native Tree ID Trip (Taumarumaru Reserve)
- o **Kamo**
 - o Sixers & Seconders Overnighter (Tikipunga)
- o **Horahora**
 - o Walk (Mt Parihaka)
 - o Rafting (Mangakahia River)
- o **Shackleton**
 - o Archery (Parua Bay)
 - o Vertical Playground
 - o Waikato Spring Regatta (Hamilton)
 - o BMX Track
 - o River Rowing Trip (Waikato River)
 - o Hike (Mt Parihaka)
- o **Ruakaka**
 - o Scout Camp (Paihia)
- o **Kerikeri**
 - o Patrol Leaders Camp (Trefoil Park)
 - o Tramp (Lanes Cove)
- o **Whangarei Combined Venturers**
 - o Pioneering Camp (Tikipunga)
 - o Regional Youth Forum/Rangitoto (Auckland)
- o **Northland Zone**
 - o Training Regatta (Parua Bay)

Upcoming Events

- o 30th October/2nd November - Training Regatta at Taipa
- o 13th/15th November - Campcraft at Hukerenui
- o 1st/10th January 2010 - Venture V10 "Open Your Eyes" at Wellington
- o 8th/22nd January 2010 - Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School
- o 17th/23rd January 2010 - Canoe School
- o 29th Dec/6th Jan 2011 - 19th N Z Scout Jamboree at Mystery Creek
- o July 2011 - 22nd World Jamboree at Sweden



CAMPCRAFT 2009

The Northland Zone Inter-Patrol Camping Competition, or Campcraft as it better known, is to be held over 13th to 15th November and will be based at the Rouse Farm in Tapuhi Road, Hukerenui.

It is expected that more than 10 Patrols will be vying for the major trophy, the Water Buffalo Horns Trophy, which was presented by the Philippine Contingent at the 1958/9 Jamboree in Auckland.

It will be a test of basic Scout camping skills and will include building serviceable constructions using pioneering methods. Cooking and serving of meals will also be a major item and each patrol will provide its own menu and the items needed to prepare the various courses as per the menu and on time. The menu must include cooked breakfasts and a 2 course evening meal on Saturday.

This competition is a real test of the Scouts themselves and adults may only assist with unloading gear but must then retire and leave the rest to the Scouts involved to set up camp and fulfill all duties over the weekend.

On Sunday morning a separate pioneering activity will be held where each Patrol is to erect a pioneering structure from gear that they have brought with them for the purpose.



Transpower Community Award Winner

The Doubtless Bay Scout & Guide Group was the winners of the Education and Child/Youth Development Award at the 2009 Far North Transpower Community Awards ceremony.

This is the citation that preceded the award:

Here is a group of volunteers who work together to support local children and help them to develop into good citizens.

As well as their regular weekly Scouting programme, the Scouts have had many other opportunities in the community thanks to the dedication of the volunteers and parents. Doubtless Bay Scouts have helped out with the Combined Lions Club's annual fishing competition, attended the Northland Scout Regatta and National Cub Day, cleaned up rubbish in the Doubtless Bay area and helped with planting and care projects at Taumarumaru Reserve.

The volunteer leaders give up time to fundraise and fill out paperwork to help youth up-skill and attend National schools such as the National Flying School, National Caving School and National Scout Conferences.

All adult leaders are continuously up-skilling and attending Scout leadership courses

In October last year the volunteers took 21 youth on a trip to Mount Ruapehu to experience snow conditions, develop a respect for the mountain, learn to ski and also made a visit to the Waiouru Military Museum.

Volunteers carry out many weekly jobs including lawn mowing, keeping the camping and boating gear serviced and maintained and producing regular news articles for the local paper.

*By channelling the youth's energy into productive character building life and survival skills the leaders are producing youth that are becoming good role models in the community. **Congratulations***

WHANGAREI CIVIC AWARD

Des Olney received a Whangarei District Council Civic Honour at a recent ceremony.

The award was made for service to the District and included his service to youth through Scouting.

He is seen here addressing the group after the presentation.



Training Shop

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Zone Training

Hi everyone, i just thought that i would update you all with the recent activities in the Leader Training field from within the Zone.

Over the weekend 10th and 11th October the Zone held a training weekend at the Kerikeri den kindly hosted and supported by Stewart Fraiser and the Leaders from Kerikeri. Six leaders attended the Introduction and Initial training on the Saturday, coming from a variety of gGoups from across the Zone.

On the Sunday ten leaders, again from right across the Zone attended for the Practical module. I was ably supported by Warren Bunn (Zone Assistant Scout Leader) and Stewart Fraiser from Kerikeri. A variety of new skills and tricks of the trade were shown and practised with everyone leaving the day in high spirits.

During the day Stewart Fraser and Tim Bockus, Doubtless Bay were presented with their Gilwell Woggles, Antoinette Pot and Lian Jones, also from Doubtless Bay have also since finalised the requirements of the Practical block of training and will be presented with their Gilwell woggles by Peggy.

Future Training

I intend to run a further Introduction and Initial training course on Sunday 6th December 2009, location to be advised but probably in the Whangarei area.

The next Practical training will be towards the end of the summer, again location to be advised.

Other Points

If you receive any certifications or attend recognised courses can you please email me the details and a copy of the certificate. I will then update my records and keep a copy for the training file. I would urge all leaders to look at your current first aid certificate and assess if it will run out of date very soon, again please send copies of new certificates to me.

Regards to you all

Chris Rumens
Zone Training Leader

DAY SKIPPER'S COURSE (Charge Certificate)

Two successful weekends of training have been held, although the weather forced a change of dates for the second weekend.



Results of the Day Skipper examination are awaited with some nervousness but, depending on the outcome, several new Charge Certificates can be issued.

Thanks go to all involved in staging this vital course and congratulations to all who participated.

POSERS for PATROLS

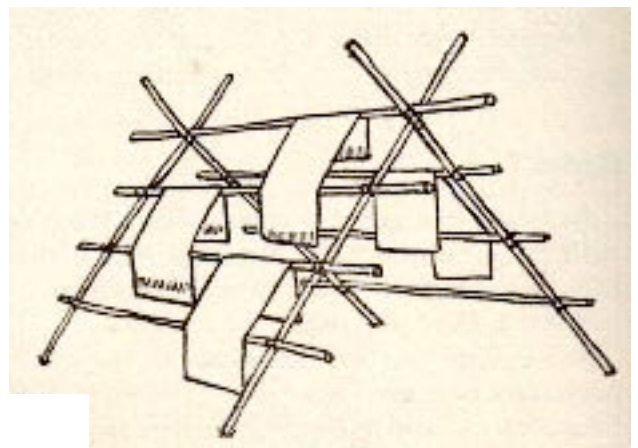
In a quiet moment during a Troop meeting (do you have them?) why not pose these for your patrols to consider?

(Answers are on page 7-
for those who can't work them out.)

A dwarf lives on the 12th floor of an apartment building but when he uses the lift he always gets out at the 10th floor and walks up the two flights of stairs to his apartment. Why does he do this?

Two people arrived at a Scout camp. One of them was the father of the other one's daughter. How can you explain this?

A CAMPRRAFT IDEA



Kea Day

The rain did not deter 60 Keas and other family members from gathering at Hora Hora Scout Den on Saturday 26th September for the biennial Kea Day. This year it is the Keas 30th Birthday and it was celebrated in style with a birthday themed 4 hours.

The Keas from Kamo, Maungaturoto, Shackleton, Dargaville, Hora Hora and Mid-Northern Kea Clubs had fun playing pass the parcel, pin the tail on the Kea and assorted party games. They ventured outside to participate in a treasure hunt, Burma trail and to have the big thrill of throwing shaving foam pies at the Kamo Leaders.

The Keas also had their cheeks painted with such things as butterflies, snakes, flowers, skull and crossbones, batman, spiders and other fun items.

Another activity the Keas did was icing biscuits. They piled them high with icing, marshmallows, coconut and other yummy toppings. They enjoyed creating and eating their yummy biscuits.

To get rid of some of their energy there was an obstacle course bouncy castle which they enjoyed racing through.

At lunch time, two Scouting members who had been Keas some years ago and two recently invested Keas from the newly reopened Dargaville Kea Club blew out 30 candles and cut a large cake decorated with lollies.

The 2009 Northland Kea Day challenge was to create and display a 30th birthday banner. Hora Hora Keas won this and was awarded the Kea Day Challenge Cup.

Everyone enjoyed the variety of activities and the day finished with a Kea Yell and every Kea took home a birthday goodie bag.

Claire and I would like to extend a thank you to the Kea Clubs who took part and a very big thanks to the hard working Leaders who organised an activity and spent the day giving Keas heaps of enjoyment. Without these people and my family members the day would not have been such a success.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to working with you all again next year.

Anne Grbin ZKL
Claire McSkimming AZKL



KEAS



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Venturer Viewpoint

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First off, big congratulations to Katie Morrison and Shaun Peacock who have both been awarded their Queen Scout Award and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. This is an awesome achievement that has taken years of effort; well done to both of you, your families, leaders and fellow Unit members that have supported you on your journeys.

As well as trying to get around the five Venturer Units in Northland I am also endeavouring to visit the Scout Troops to promote the Award Scheme. If we can get our Scouts achieving their Chief Scout's award it certainly makes it easier for the Venturer Leaders to assist them to obtain their Queen Scout award.

By the time you have read this The Youth Forum will have been and gone. Unfortunately this year it clashed with JOTA/JOTI but it is certainly a worthwhile event for our senior youth to be attending.

Hopefully in the 2010 calendar we can prevent clashes like this from occurring and get more youth to attend and benefit from the forum.

Don't forget when getting your Term Plans together that Kerikeri Venturers are hosting the regional Venturer pioneering competition from the 4th to 6th of December. When visiting Kerikeri they explained what they had in store for you and it sounds like excellent fun. It would be great to see every Venturer in Northland attend and would increase our chances of keeping the trophy in Northland.

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing four Venturers for scholarships for The Walsh Memorial Flying School, it enthused me to see motivated youth getting out there and grasping the opportunities the Scouting Schools offer, certainly an under used resource by a lot of us. If anyone has any questions regarding the Scouting Schools please contact me.

Yours in Venturing

Brian Corney

7 Boomerang '09

As the victors of last year's Boomerang competition, it has fallen upon the Kerikeri Venturer Unit to host 2009's boomerang comp.

We would to extend an invite to all Venturer units to Kerikeri to participate in the Survivor Tapuaetahi Boomerang!

Date: 4th, 5th 6th December - After exams and a long time before Venture so no excuses!

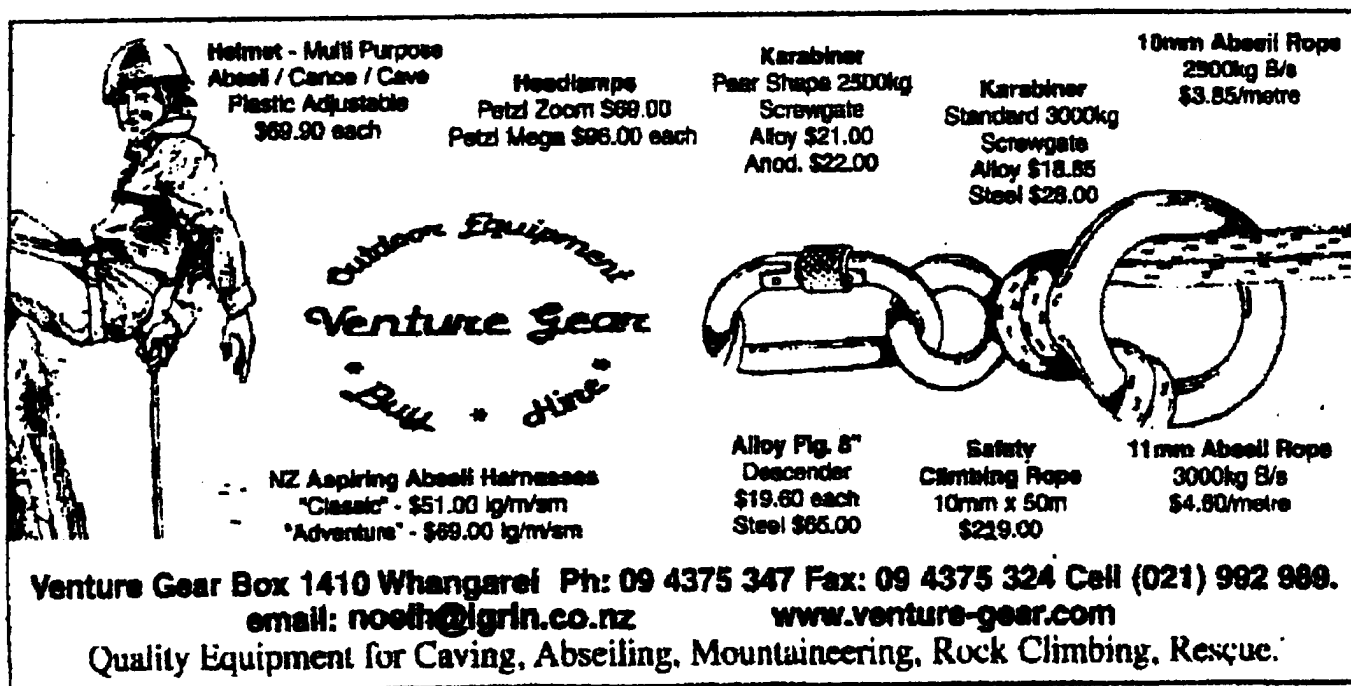
Cost: \$25 includes food, gear acquisition and a koha to the venue owners.

What to Bring: As the host unit we'll provide you all with food and all the pioneering gear you'll need for the weekend. It's up to you to bring all your basic camp gear e.g. tents, sleeping bag and cutlery.

You'll need plenty of changes of clothes and beach towels, swimming togs and come prepared for all weather, because it's on, rain or shine.

RSVP: Please RSVP by November the 15th to hamwitch@hotmail.com. No RSVP no food! let us know any food allergies or health challenges.

Where - Tapuaetahi, Just north of Kerikeri. About 3.5 hours drive north of Auckland. We will let you know the directions when you RSVP.



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CUB CAPERS

Hugh Fowlie

Asst Zone Cub Leader

What a year this has been !!

What with the weather, the changes in the Scout Movement - both locally and throughout the whole Zone - and rain when we don't want it.

We send congratulations from all our Cub Packs to our new Zone Leader - Gay.

I have been able to make visits to most of our Packs although I haven't been to see everyone as I spent a lot of time during Term 1 helping get Maungaturoto into action.

The National Cub Day, which was originally set down for March, did not take place until May, and for those who were there it was a huge success. Even some of the older ones enjoyed getting a bit wet.

I had two trips to Taipa for Doubtless Bay Pack and both of these were most successful; - congratulations to all the Leaders there.

Another enjoyable trip that was good value was to Russell and then to Kerikeri. Kerikeri Pack is a very large one, and they certainly have the Leaders to give all the Cubs good Cub Scouting.

Kamo Pack is also doing well, both with numbers of Cubs and the excellence of the Leaders as well as the activities they are undertaking.

Mid-Northern Pack is down on numbers but is functioning well.

Best wishes to you all for a great Term 4 and a pleasant Christmas.

- - - *Hugh Fowlie.*

Scouts & Cubs Clean Up in Their Communities

Sixteen members of the Doubtless Bay Scout and Guide Group were out on Sunday, 13th Sept picking up rubbish on the first day of Conservation Week 2009.

There was plenty of support from the public while they were collecting 12 bags of rubbish in the Cooper Beach Shopping area and along SH 10.

In the Mangamuka River/Hokianga Harbour area Robbie Jordan and his family were cleaning up litter from among the mangroves and further north at Henderson Bay Finn and Jos Spaans were busy collecting rubbish along the beach.

Robbie Jordan hard at work

HOW'S
THIS
FOR
A
PAINTING
ON
A
FEATHER
?




POSERS for PATROLS Answers

He wasn't tall enough to reach the 11th and 12th floor lift buttons.

They were husband and wife.





LEADER SERVICE AWARD
5 years

ADAMS Esther	Kamo
ANDERSON Innes	Kaiwaka
FEWTRELL Chris	Kerikeri
3 Years	
FRASER Stewart	Kerikeri

GILWELL WOGGLE

FRASER Stewart	Kerikeri
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