

Important

Remember to let Gin know if you are going to be unavailable for any period of time.

- If you are going away: Contact Gin with the dates you are unavailable.
- If you are unable to attend a training: Contact Matt Hassard
- If you are unable to attend a meeting: Contact Gin

Mark Sellers is not currently available so please just send details to Gin. Email ninandnim@xtra.co.nz or virginia_peck@bnz.co.nz or phone her (numbers to the right).

This Months Meeting — 18th April

Decision Points and Map Interpretation

Last Months Meeting

We visited the Westpac rescue Helicopter

Monthly Training - Thursday 28th April

The venue is yet to be decided. If you would like anything specific covered at one of the trainings please let Matt know.

Please txt or call Matt to let him know whether or not you will be attending the monthly training. It is expected that all members attend these evening sessions.

SAREX

Reminder that the Sarex this weekend is postponed. It will now be held on the 18th and 19th of June.

Reminder - Meetings and Training ^{New}

Remember everyone to mark on your calendar the 3rd Monday of each month is the monthly meeting/training sessions and the TCA Practice dates which alternate between the last Wednesday/Thursday.

Committee Members

Virginia (Gin) Peck (Chairman)

John Twizell (Vice Chairman)

Russell Lamb
(Secretary & SARINZ training))

Amy McDonald (Treasurer/Funding)

Matt Hassard (Training)

Barry Were (YSAR coordinator)

Ralph Goudswaard

Mark Sellers

Rafael Whyte - Non-committee (Minutes)

Jake Crosby - Non-committee (Newsletter)

LandSAR Polos ^{Updated}

Gin is still waiting for those that have ordered a shirt for the next order to get their money to her or put it into the bank account as she need all money paid before she can place the order. Please bring it to the meeting and note the new cost of \$40.10

Callouts

Sunday evening 27th March, a hunter & his 18 year old daughter missing off the road from Kawhia to Raglan. Hamilton group members attended and they were located fairly quickly. It was made easier as we had cellphone contact with them. They ended up only about 300m from the vehicle.

Sunday morning 9th April 8.00am Phil rang me to advise details of a missing person with dementia that had walked out from Thames hospital. I was about to send out a pager message when he rang back to advise all was OK as they had been located. The stand down message was unfortunately sent to our pagers instead of the Police SAR squad team, therefore none of you missed any other messages.

Midnight Thursday 14th April, a 9 year old girl was missing in Te Awamutu. Hamilton SAR members attended and she was found around 2am through police investigations at the house of a family friend.

AGM - 16th May ^{New}

Proposed Structure for the committee composition

- Chairman
- Training Coordinator
- Treasurer (may be from outside the organisation)
- Public Liaison and New Member coordinator
- YSAR representative
- Police representative
- Plus an Administrator without voting rights.

If you would like to be considered for a position please get your nomination (with a seconder confirming your nomination) into one of the current committee members.

Backcountry Ration Packs ^{New}

There is some interest in putting in a bulk order for Backcountry Ration packs. These are supplied to SAR at a discounted rate on the understanding they will be used only on SAR searches and Exercises, however, if we get together a bulk order we can buy some at wholesale price which can be used outside SAR. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this.

Christchurch ^{New}

Reminder to all those who helped in Christchurch if you haven't already done so that they would really like the survey in the Searchlight last week completed so they can capture everyone's thoughts.

Gin is also going to get a thank you letter sent to your employers. Please give her their names and postal or email address so that this can be done.

Minute Taker needed

Our minute taker at committee meetings will be leaving later this year around July or August for further study. We are looking for a volunteer to take over this role. Committee meetings are the second Monday of every month at the police station. Please talk to Gin.

For Sale

At the moment we do not have any ration packs available

- Backcountry ration packs – with breakfast, lunch, dinner and extras pack (tea, coffee, chocolate etc) they are a bargain at \$17. Remember – these are sold to our Group at this special rate on the understanding that they will only be used during SAREXs or SAR Operations.
- Hamilton designed SAR cloth badge, \$6.00 (contact Russell).
- Whistles – Bright and Loud, \$12 (contact Barry).

Pager Test Message

Reminder for all those members with pagers. The first of every month a test message is sent out to ensure your pager is operational, if you do not receive this message you should contact Matt.

Personal Details

Contact Russell if there are any changes to your contact details so the callout list is updated. Change of email address also needs to be passed on to Jake for the newsletter.

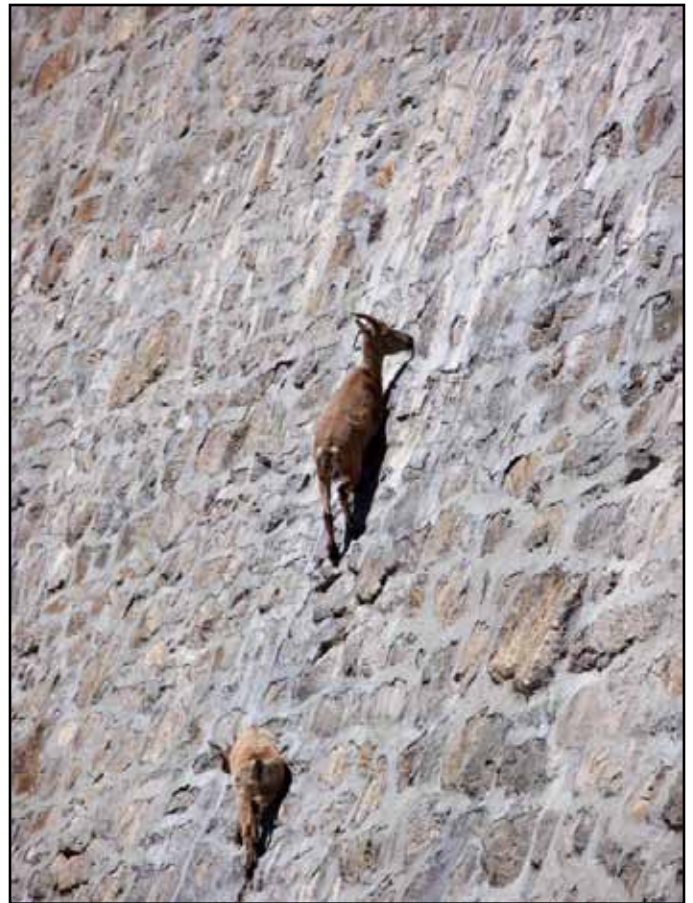
Discounts for Members

- Bivouac Outdoor – 25% discount
- Trek 'N Travel – 20% discount
- R&R Sport – 25% discount – Ask for Wayne Addison.
- Torpedo 7 – 10% discount – Email Barry for our discount code.
- Kathmandu - Free summit club membership

For a laugh



This is the Cingino dam in Italy but look closer...



They are European Ibex and they like to eat the moss, lichen & lick the salt off the dam wall.

April				
18 th	Meeting	Decision Points and Map Interpretation	Hamilton	
28 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
May				
7 th -8 th	Training	First Aid (MSC)	Tauranga	
14th-15th	Training	SAREX (End of Hot Springs Road)	Tauranga	New
16 th	Meeting	Navigation with Compass and Map/Compass	Hamilton	
21 st -22 nd	Training	Search Methods	Ohakune	
25 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
June				
18 th -19 th	Event	District SAREX	Pirongia	
18 th -19 th	Training	Search Methods	New Plymouth	
20 th	Meeting	Probability of Area and Team Initiative	Hamilton	
25 th -26 th	Training	Suburban Search	Hamilton	
30 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
July				
2nd-3rd	Training	Track & Clue Awareness	Tauranga	Reinstated
2nd-3rd	Training	Clue Processing	Tauranga	Reinstated
9 th -10 th	Training	Track & Clue Awareness	Hamilton	
9 th -10 th	Training	Tracking	Hamilton	
9 th -10 th	Training	Clue Processing	Hamilton	
9 th -10 th	Training	Search Methods	Taranaki	
18 th	Meeting	Search planning scenarios	Hamilton	
27 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
August				
13 th -14 th	Training	Search Methods	Tauranga	
15 th	Meeting	Guest Speaker - Leadership and Initiative	Hamilton	
20 th -21 st	Training	Search Methods	Hamilton	
20 th -21 st	Training	Team Leader	Hamilton	
20 th -21 st	Training	First Aid (SARINZ)	Hamilton	
25 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
September				
3 rd -4 th	Training	MLSO Refresher	Hamilton	
19 th	Meeting	Decision Points Part 2 and Search Methods	Hamilton	
28 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
October				
9 th -10 th	Training	Foundation Rope Rescue	Whitianga	
18 th	Meeting	Rogaine practice	Hamilton	
27 th	Training	Monthly Training (Thursday)	Hamilton	
November				
11th-13th	Training	First Aid (MSC)	Tauranga	New
30 th	Training	Monthly Training (Wednesday)	Hamilton	
February				
	Meeting	Pack Float on Waikato River	Hamilton	