

### Important updated

**Remember to let Mark and Gin know if you will be unavailable at all over Christmas/New Year.**

- If you are going away: Contact Mark Sellers and Gin to advise the dates you will be unavailable.
- If you are unable to attend a training: Contact Matt Hassard
- If you are unable to attend a meeting: Contact Gin

### Last Months Meeting

- Barry showed us the satellite phone.
- First aid session - Lynette showed us how to use bandages for strapping. Bandages, strapping tape and cleansing wipes were given out.
- Barry told us about a recent epic trip in the Coromandel Ranges.
- Rogaine presentation.

### This Months Meeting — 15th October

- Bring your ideas for future meetings, we will divide into groups to discuss this. If you want speakers, be specific - what do you want covered and by who? What areas would you like more training in?
- Graeme will discuss Paws in Park on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Matt is going to organise some training, possibly outside.
- The participants in the Auckland SAR challenge event over the weekend will give us a lively update of what happened.

### TCA Practice updated

This months TCA Practice will be the final training for the year and Matt is looking to do something a bit different this month. It will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm. The venue will be confirmed later.

Please txt or call Matt Hassard to let him know if you will be attending TCA/Tracking practice. It is expected that all members attend these evening sessions.

### Raincoat Deposits updated

Reminder for those that have received a new raincoat to bring your \$120 deposit to the meeting. These should have been paid by now.

### Committee Members

Virginia (Gin) Peck (Chairman)

John Twizell (Vice Chairman)

Russell Lamb (Secretary)

Amy McDonald (Treasurer/Funding)

Matt Hassard (Training)

Barry Were (YSAR coordinator)

Ralph Goudswaard

Mark Hassett

Mark Sellers

Refael Whyte - Non-committee (Minutes)

Jake Crosby - Non-committee (Newsletter)

### Callouts

None this month

### Newsletters on Website new

These newsletters (without the contact details page) are being put on the Hamilton SAR website so you can check what is coming up or refer interested people to them. See [hsar.org.nz](http://hsar.org.nz)

## MiniSAREX 1 updated

Matt has set aside Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & Sat 20<sup>th</sup> November for the next Mini Sar 1 & he will be looking for members to assist with this. He will also be organising an information evening prior to commencing Stage 1 outlining the group's expectations & experience required, date yet to be confirmed. If you know anyone interested in attending please refer them on to Matt.

Volunteers are needed so let Matt know if you can help out.

## Free Kathmandu Summit Club update

Kathmandu staff are now aware that SAR members are able to receive membership to their Summit Club for free. This entitles members to receive discounts on full priced items at any time during the year and when they have sales there is a Summit Club members only day 1 day prior to the public. You will need to present your SAR ID Card for them to register and issue you with the Summit Club card.

## Management Support Unit computer course new

In early December, either first or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend Barry is running a management Support Unit computer course which will be held at Wintec. For further information contact him directly.

## LandSAR Polos - Last Chance updated

- \$30.70 (GST increased)
- **Sizing is a bit larger than normal**
- Fusion Cotton Backed Polo
- Bizcool™ 50% Cotton, 50% Polyester fabric
- Quick Dry - rapid evaporation of moisture through the fibres
- Hi-Viz Fluoro trims
- Ribbed collar with fluoro tipping
- Side splits with fluoro insert fabric
- 180 GSM

Gin has finally been able to get a couple of samples of the SAR shirts, 1 female size 10 and 1 male large which is a bit bigger than normal. Please bring money or cheque book along so we can do a bulk order. We have some orders already but need to confirm sizes.

## Paws in the Park new

This is an event at Innes Common and walk around the lake for dogs and owners to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm

Graeme Hill will be organising a SAR display for this event which should be attended by thousands.

For more information check out <http://bit.ly/9hgemo>

## Christmas function new

Russell sent out an email regarding the Social event at the Police station on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Numbers required before 8<sup>th</sup> December

## 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 Sale

- Backcountry ration packs – with breakfast, lunch, dinner and extras pack (tea, coffee, chocolate etc) they are a bargain for \$17 (incl GST). 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. These will be available for purchase at the monthly meetings.
- Hamilton designed SAR cloth badge, \$6.00 (contact Russell).
- Whistles – Bright and Loud, \$12 (contact Barry).

This actually did happen to a real person, and the real person was me. I had gone to catch a train. This was April 1976, in Cambridge, U.K. I was a bit early for the train. I'd gotten the time of the train wrong. I went to get myself a newspaper to do the crossword, and a cup of coffee and a packet of cookies. I went and sat at a table.

I want you to picture the scene. It's very important that you get this very clear in your mind. Here's the table, newspaper, cup of coffee, packet of cookies. There's a guy sitting opposite me, perfectly ordinary-looking guy wearing a business suit, carrying a briefcase. It didn't look like he was going to do anything weird. What he did was this: he suddenly leaned across, picked up the packet of cookies, tore it open, took one out, and ate it.

Now this, I have to say, is the sort of thing the British are very bad at dealing with. There's nothing in our background, upbringing, or education that teaches you how to deal with someone who in broad daylight has just stolen your cookies.

You know what would happen if this had been South Central Los Angeles. There would have very quickly been gunfire, helicopters coming in, CNN, you know. . . . But in the end, I did what any red-blooded Englishman would do: I ignored it. And I stared at the newspaper, took a sip of coffee, tried to do a clue in the newspaper, couldn't do anything, and thought, what am I going to do?

In the end I thought, Nothing for it, I'll just have to go for it, and I tried very hard not to notice the fact that the packet was already mysteriously opened. I took out a cookie for myself. I thought, That settled him. But it hadn't because a moment or two later he did it again. He took another cookie. Having not mentioned it the first time, it was somehow even harder to raise the subject the second time around. "Excuse me, I couldn't help but notice . . ." I mean, it doesn't really work.

We went through the whole packet like this. When I say the whole packet, I mean there were only about eight cookies, but it felt like a lifetime. He took one, I took one, he took one, I took one. Finally, when we got to the end, he stood up and walked away. Well, we exchanged meaningful looks, then he walked away, and I breathed a sigh of relief and sat back.

A moment or two later the train was coming in, so I tossed back the rest of my coffee, stood up, picked up the newspaper, and underneath the newspaper were my cookies.

The thing I like particularly about this story is the sensation that somewhere in England there has been wandering around for the last quarter-century a perfectly ordinary guy who's had the same exact story, only he doesn't have the punch line.

| November 2010                      |              |                         |              |         |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> | Event        | SAREX                   | Whakatane    |         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> | Training     | Track & Clue Awareness  | Waihi        |         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> | Training     | Track & Clue Awareness  | Mangaweka    |         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                   | Meeting      | Monthly Meeting         |              |         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> | Event        | Stage 1 - Introduction  |              | New     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> | Event        | Land SAR Conference     | Hokitika     |         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                   | TCA Practice | Thursday                |              |         |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                   | Event        | Paws in the Park        |              | New     |
| December                           |              |                         |              |         |
| (Early)                            | Training     | Management Support Unit |              |         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | Event        | YSAR Awards evening     |              | Updated |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>   | Event        | SAREX                   | Murapara     |         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                   | Event        | Police social           |              |         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | Meeting      | Monthly Meeting         |              |         |
| February 2011                      |              |                         |              |         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> | Training     | Tracking                | Pauanui      |         |
| March                              |              |                         |              |         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> | Event        | SAREX                   | Whanganui    |         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> | Event        | SAREX                   | Tauranga     |         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> | Event        | District SAREX          | Pirongia     |         |
| April                              |              |                         |              |         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>  | Training     | Track & Clue Awareness  | Thames       |         |
| May                                |              |                         |              |         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>   | Training     | First Aid (SARINZ)      | Tauranga     | New     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>   | Training     | Suburban Search         | Tauranga     | New     |
| June                               |              |                         |              |         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> | Training     | Search Methods          | New Plymouth | New     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> | Training     | First Aid (SARINZ)      | Pauanui      | New     |
| July                               |              |                         |              |         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Training     | Track & Clue Awareness  | Tauranga     | New     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Training     | Clue Processing         | Tauranga     | New     |
| August                             |              |                         |              |         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> | Training     | Tracking                | Tauranga     | New     |