

Important

If you are going away: Contact Mark Sellers at tmsellers@xtra.co.nz and Gin at ninandnim@xtra.co.nz and virginia_peck@bnz.co.nz 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

Contact details can be found in the list on the right or on the last page.

Last Months Meeting

- YouTube videos - A SAR documentary from the 60s and a video about the land wars on Mt Pirongia.
- First Aid - Lynette taught us about the recovery position
- Team Leader certificates were given out
- John gave out iron on Land SAR badges

This Months Meeting — 20th September

- Volunteer(s) to be co-ordinator Alzheimers pendants.
- Graeme Hill to give us all an overview of his week at the dog assessment camp at Hamner.
- Sleep Deprivation & returning home after a search
- Refael to give a demonstration of the scanner for checking in and out equipment, plus the opportunity for everyone to try it.
- Program coming up
- Responses to emails
- There will be a debrief of the search after the meeting
- Remaining Team Leader certificates

TCA Practice

TCA Practice this month will be held on Thursday 23rd 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. If you are available to assist with training – especially mini SAREX's, please contact Matt to let him know.

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

September 15th, search for two hunters in the Kauaeranga valley. See next page for more.

SAREX Reminder new

Only 18 people have replied about the SAREX on 25th and 26th of September. This is part of the training you are required to attend each year, it's important that you confirm attendance or let us know if you are unable to attend. Please visit <http://bit.ly/cf61oX> to submit your response.

Kauaeranga valley callout new

Peter and Troy were found at about 11.30pm but by the time everyone got out it was in the early hours of the morning.

A reminder to all about being safe & getting home safely after a search, the police offer covering cost of a accommodation to enable searchers to have a good sleep before driving home. Please all consider this after a search if you are feeling tired don't drive until you have rested.

Following is a letter to SAR from their mother.

From the family thank you and the team for your time spent looking for Troy and Peter. Have donated in the past, but will continue too. The guys are looking to purchase GPS and other equipment. Thanks again Donna Cameron

LandSAR Photographic Competition updated

There are some great outdoor photos taken by LandSAR members and in recognition of this untapped resource in our sector, LandSAR will again be running the LandSAR Photo Competition with a first prize of \$300. There will also be a new section looking at our history. The judging will take place in the lead up to the 2010 LandSAR Conference and will be announced at that AGM forum. Entries close on **Monday 1st November** with the competition rules and application form to be found at: <http://bit.ly/sarPhotoComp>

LandSAR Polos updated

- \$30, **price will go up after GST rise.**
- **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

Give us your orders at <http://bit.ly/d8gzWQ>

TCA, Tracking and SM Refresher 9/10 Oct new

The TCA, Tracking and Search Methods Refresher is a must for members that have not revised their skills in the past 3-4 years. These are our core training courses and refreshers are vital. New developments in Tracking verses Trailing and other techniques. Some aspects of Clue Processing will also be looked at as well. The weekend is practical based, hands-on sessions, very little time will be spent in the office. To be held at the Kaimai Hut. YSAR had their Camp#11 last weekend at the Kaimai Hut, where principles of this refresher course were applied. The kids came away really stoked about what they had learnt.

Searchlight newsletter new

<http://bit.ly/searchlight19>

Points to note:

1. Your personal life insurance may be void for SAR related accidents.
8. New field guides. Hamilton SAR have ordered some.
12. We are arranging service certificates for those with over 10 years of service to SAR
13. SAR photo competition date changed.

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).

Search Dogs South Island assessment camp new

From Graeme Hill

We returned from the Land SAR Search Dogs South Island assessment camp on Sunday. It was based at Hanmer Springs using DOC land around St James Station. Unfortunately we didn't pass this time, disappointing but it turned into 4 days of great training. I arrived Wed afternoon at Hanmer and did a couple short tracks to get used to the terrain, both done in pouring rain. Thus was spent doing some non-assessed tracks along river banks, gravel roads and tussock valleys. Assessments started Friday. Our assessment scenario was - a person was last seen 3 hrs ago near the gravel road at the top of a ridge, so with a hand pointing in the general direction we went to find them. Once I had cast Gemma to locate the persons track, we tracked down a ridgeline, across open valley and a couple streams, with lots of twists and turns. About 500m into it we lost the track on a corner in an open section of the valley and couldnt relocate it. Later found out the track had a sharp turn which we had overshot with the tailwind. It went straight up towards a rocky outcrop which with very strong cross winds made it difficult for us to relocate within the timeframe, so after 5mins of casting Gemma and re-positioning to try and locate ,the decision was made to stop the assessment. Over next couple of days we did some great tracking with other handlers under observation of the assessors. We got some good feedback on our progress and I came away with a much better understanding of the high standard required to become operational and what we need to work on over the next 6 months to aim for the next North Island Assessment, by which stage she will be nearly 2years old. As Gemma matures and gains more experience in difficult terrain and conditions it will become clearer for her too. Hanmer provided some challenging tracking areas with varied terrain and weather conditions and it was an excellent opportunity to meet and train with the South Island operational teams and the police dog handlers and trainers. The camp was topped off nicely watching the AB's win the Bledisloe cup test Sat night.

Regards,
Graeme

FSO (North Island) Group allocation altered new

Peter Zimmer – retains the Central Region plus he will oversee the Waikato Police District (including all the Coromandel Groups).

Ian Newman – retains the Northern and Eastern Regions plus the Bay of Plenty Police District Groups but will work with Pete Zimmer for the next year with the Coromandel Groups on a shared basis.

Boths FSO's will attend Waikato Police District ATFG meetings during the next 2-3 months.

Alpine Search Dogs

<http://bit.ly/AlpineSearchDogs>

For a laugh

An old Italian lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,
I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love,
Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop,
Don't dig up that garden.
That's where the bodies are buried.
Love,
Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop,
Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.
I love you,
Vinnie

September 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
20 th Meeting	21 st	22 nd	23 rd TCA	24 th	25 th	26 th
27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th			

October 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
18 th Meeting	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
25 th	26 th	27 th TCA	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st

November

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1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
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December

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September 2010				
20 th	Meeting	Monthly Meeting		
24 th -26 th	Event	SAREX		
23 rd	TCA Practice	Thursday		
October 2010				
2 nd -3 rd	Event	Kuaotuna Exercise	Rangihau	New
4 th -8 th	Training	MLSO (Police College)	Wellington	
9 th -10 th	Training	Refresher: TCA & Sign Cutting / Search Methods		Updated
11 th -14 th	Training	MLSO (Police College)	Wellington	
16 th	Event	SAR Competition		
16 th -17 th	Training	Foundation Rope Rescue	Whakatane	
18 th	Meeting	Monthly Meeting		
27 th	TCA Practice	Wednesday		
November				
5 th	Event	Social		
6 th	Training	Lost Subject Behaviour: Alzheimer	Tauranga	
7 th	Training	Lost Subject Behaviour: Suicides	Tauranga	
15 th	Meeting	Monthly Meeting		
19 th -21 st	Event	Land SAR Conference	Hokitika	
25 th	TCA Practice	Thursday		
26 th -28 th	Event	SAREX	Whakatane	
December				
2 nd	Event	YSAR Awards evening		
8 th	Event	Social		
15 th	Event	Police end of year function		New
20 th	Meeting	Monthly Meeting		
February 2011				
19 th -20 th	Training	Tracking	Pauanui	
March				
12 th -13 th	Event	SAREX	Tauranga	
18 th -19 th	Event	District SAREX		New
April				
9 th -10 th	Training	Track & Clue Awareness	Thames	