

## From SCOUTS Coastal Otago Zone Volume 13 Issue 3 April 2010

### Terra-Nova Sea Scout Group's Great Adventure to Nelson!

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It was an early start on the 1st of April when 3 of our Scouts, 2 Venturers and our Leader left to compete in the Nelson Sea Scout Regatta held in Nelson along with Andersons Bay Sea Scouts, who we would be teaming up with and sailing as Otago. Having traveled all day, we finally reached Murchison just before 6 o'clock. Everyone was tired, even though some of us had a quick doze along the way. We found our accommodation and went out to get fish and chips for tea. After a quick walk by the river, it was getting quite dark and after a few failed attempts by the girls to play tricks on the boys, we went to bed.

We started early again on the 2nd of April, leaving just before 8:30 am. It wasn't long till we hit Nelson. We somehow managed to get lost trying to find the Tahuna Holiday Park that the Regatta was being held at, but we found it in the end with a little help from the GPS. After finding our home for the next few days, we set up camp. Andersons Bay had not yet arrived so a quick trip into Nelson was greatly needed. By 2pm we had set up camp and were ready for the opening ceremony, where we met the 4 other Sea Scout groups that we were competing against.

The next day, the races began. We had none of our own sailing boats with us so ended up having to borrow from one of the Nelson groups. The morning was devoted to rowing races. Otago came 2nd in the intermediate rowing race and 3rd in the open race (which consisted of anyone who could actually row). Lunch was provided and the junior sunburst and intermediate cutter were raced shortly after 2pm. We ended at 4 pm and swimming races were being held at the local pool at 5pm. Not all of us attended the swimming but decided that a trip to the local Warehouse (where we got our chocolate supplies) was needed instead.

The 4th of April was our last day of racing and it started off with the Seamanship or theory test, with points awarded for each correct answer. Our senior crew ended up coming 3rd; a great achievement as we only had 3 people in that category and one had left to see family earlier that morning. The rest of the day was spent out in sailing races.

Overall, we did really well with the junior cutter crew coming 2<sup>nd</sup> (with the rest of the results this actually gave them a first overall) in their race and intermediate also coming 2nd in theirs.

The next day was the 5th; we were due in Christchurch that afternoon so it was a quick pack up. We were given our certificates that morning at the daily flag break and the group was really happy with the results. We were on the road just after 9:30a.m. It was a long drive to Christchurch with a few of us falling asleep in the van. We were in Christchurch by 2:30p.m. and it was time for a swim at the QEII pool (if we could find it).

Yes, we had once again gotten lost and we couldn't even find it with the GPS, but eventually we made our way there and had a very entertaining 2 hours going down hydro-slides and swimming in the wave pool. (Some discovering the steam and sauna rooms). Afterwards, we had to say good-bye to Andersons Bay who had to be back in Dunedin that night. Terra-Nova stayed on and ended up camping out at the Malvern Scout Den. After deciding to go see a movie, we drove down to the Riccarton Mall to go to Hoyt's. Unfortunately, there was nothing that we wanted to see so instead we went to McDonalds and went for a tiki-tour down to Lyttleton.

We were home on the 6th. We started early and were on the road by 8:15. We hadn't even had breakfast! We stopped in Ashburton for a quick breakfast and continued on. We were back at our scout hall before 2 o'clock and everyone was anxious to get home to see family, wash and sleep.

Overall, the camp was great fun and we are all looking forward to the next regatta in Cromwell at labour weekend. I would like to congratulate the group on the effort that they put in with the racing as it was well worth it. The scouts & venturers would like to thank John Sinclair, our leader, who drove us and managed to put up with us for 6 days while we were away.

We would also like to thank the parents of the Scouts and Venturers for without their support we would never have gone in the first place!

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### FROM YOUR ZONE LEADER— Sandra Thompson

I would like to thank those of you who took the time out of your busy lives to attend our Annual Meeting at Wakari Scout Hall last month. Once again the dedicated few attended along with our senior statesmen and life members. A disappointing 6 Groups were represented – where were the other 11 Groups' representatives? Each of those 6 people hold dual roles in Group & also Zone or Regional teams. I had hoped that some more people would have attended even if it was just to eat the supper that Ruth had organised or even to have a peek at another Scout Hall. The next Annual Meeting will be held at another Scout Hall so be ready—your hall could be next. The Annual Meeting is a great chance to find out how the Zone is operating and the issues we are facing as a Zone. The social side after the meeting is a good chance to talk over ideas with other leaders with similar interests and issues.

We are trying to organise a **JOTI** this year. There are several avenues that could be available to us depending on cost and availability. Anyone interested in assisting with the organisation and operation of this as part of a team please contact Sandra at [four.thoms@xtra.co.nz](mailto:four.thoms@xtra.co.nz) or leave a message on my home phone 03 489 8615.

**New Faces on the Zone Team** - I have taken the opportunity to enlist some new and old faces onto the Zone Team. Sue Smith will be the Zone Kea Leader, Keiran Harper is the incoming Zone Cub Leader, Peter Marr is going to be the new Zone Scout Leader (yes, we have one now) and David Thompson will be the Zone Venturer Leader.

Please remember the **Zone badges** are available from the Regional Service Centre for 50c each per Scout member. Founders Day badges are available for those who have not collected them yet. Please collect your Centennial Books from the Service Centre for all youth in your Group - these are free!!!! Please ensure your new Scout Members receive them as well - we still have plenty in stock.



The **ANZAC Day badges** are available to you online at Scouts Direct. The badges are free when you order other badges from the site. These badges do have the year on them.

**URGENT- We desperately need a treasurer!!!!** Due to family and other commitments our treasurer is no longer able to continue in this position. He is able to assist an incoming treasurer for a short period of adjustment should it be required. Please contact Sandra at 03 489 8615 or Greg at [gverhoef@ihug.co.nz](mailto:gverhoef@ihug.co.nz) for more information. This is now desperate!!!! We simply cannot operate without a Treasurer!

**Publicity**- It was recently pointed out to me that publicity seems to be limited to 3 Groups within the Zone. The publicity that you have seen has been organised by the individual Groups in their effort to promote SCOUTS as a whole and you can do the same if you have a great event or activity. All you need to do is convince the media you wish to use this as an interesting topic, worthy of their coverage. Obviously we want to have all Groups promoting a range of activities to the public. *So what are you doing to help us help you?* We can't do everything for you. To promote great events held at Group or Section level choose something unique or different that will tell a story in a picture - could be something as simple as investing Keas at Kettle Park or a Venturer getting ready to skydive. The next step is to contact Christina on phone 453 4746 who will do the contact work with the Press or contact them yourselves. Obviously the free weekly papers go to each mailbox while the ODT reaches a different audience and the TV is harder to get into but gets into the lounges of most NZ homes. Joint publicity items such as the session times that has recently run in conjunction with the Waiora promotion in The Star cost a lot of money and as a result will only run once a year at the moment .

#### Newsletter Items

From now on we intend to put out a newsletter 2 times a term - once at the beginning and once at about the halfway point. If there is anything that you would like to see in here or would like to put in to promote your Group or activity please submit the article, photos and invitations to attend an event to either Sandra at [four.thoms@xtra.co.nz](mailto:four.thoms@xtra.co.nz) or to Ruth/ Peter at the Regional Service Centre. Make sure that 'for the Newsletter' is in the subject line to ensure that it is assigned to the correct folder. We would like you to take this opportunity to promote your Group/ Section's activities and events and use it as a positive tool for those reading the newsletter.

**Fundraising** - When doing fundraising out in the public eye please ensure that uniforms are neat and correctly worn, behaviour is fantastic and served with a friendly smile, promotional items such as the flags are available to attract attention and that you have a ready supply of the SCOUTS Promotional Leaflets (available at the Regional Service Centre). This is a potential recruitment drive for youth within your catchment and others – you are not just selling a hot sausage with onions and sauce in bread; you are selling a package including the name of SCOUTS.

**Annual General Meetings**—Due to the time restrictions regarding holding your AGMs we now assume that these have been held. Each Group Leader must ensure that a *complete* copy of your AGM reports has been sent into the Regional Service Centre as required by National. Please forward them as soon as possible either by email or snail mail.

**Census**—Yes, here it comes. The forms will be out soon. Please take care to fill these in accurately and honestly (as we know you will). We would like them to be in ASAP so that we can keep the time involved in chasing them to a minimum and utilise that time for other activities. Utilise the time now to make sure your spreadsheets and youth records are up-to-date thus ensuring the work load is reduced when the papers are delivered.

#### Let's help each other

I would like to build a register of skilled and trades people that we can all go to for help with various jobs about the place (both at the hall, home and out and about). I am not suggesting that mate's rates be asked for or applied—just that we can support people we know.

I know that there are Scout people who are plumbers, glaziers, mechanics, painters etc. who are self employed or in small businesses and available to work. Please forward the details to either the office or Sandra with 'for the newsletter—register of skilled and trades people' in the subject line.

**Jamboree Advertising**—For the rest of the year we will be publishing in this newsletter the fundraising details and contacts for Groups and Contingent fundraising sales and events. Please help your fellow Groups by purchasing from them where you are able to and promoting their sales within your own Groups. Please submit any fundraising events to the office with 'for the newsletter' in the subject line.

**Emergency Locator Beacons**—These are now available from the Regional Service Centre and should be booked in advance as they are proving to be very popular. There is a small charge to hire them and they should be delivered back to the Service Centre as soon as is possible to ensure that they are in good order and ready for the next person to use.

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### From the Regional Manager's Desk

#### Uniform Task Force Presentation in LSI Region

A member of the Uniform Task Force will be in our Region on Saturday 8 May to make a presentation on the progress so far that has been made in introducing a new uniform for SCOUTS New Zealand. Details are as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, 1 May 2010
<b>Time:</b>	2:30 – 4:30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Otago – Taieri A&P Showgrounds, Mosgiel

All Leaders, youth members, and parents throughout the region are welcome to attend. This is an ideal opportunity to view the proposals and provide feedback.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

15 May	Campfire
27 May	Kea Walk Day
11-12 June	Six Leaders Camp
27 June	Pinewood Derby Finals
30 June	Census Forms are due in
September	Job Week
30 September	End of the Financial Year
7 November	Swimming Sports

### MORNINGTON SCOUTS

Mornington Scouts will celebrate 100 years of continuous scouting from Friday 11 June 2010 to Sunday 13 June 2010. If you have a connection with this Dunedin group and wish to attend, please contact Pauline Ford, 14 Ventnor Street, Mornington, Dunedin—telephone 03-453-1391.

## Waiora Scout Camp

Are you planning a camp over the next few months? There are still plenty of sites available at Waiora. Phone Eckhard at the Regional Service Centre on 03 477 6644 for site availability.

### Situations Vacant

- **Training Leader**
- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**

*Present and Past Members,  
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## THE CAMPFIRE

**WHERE:** Edgar Sports Centre, Portsmouth Drive,  
Dunedin

**COST:** \$2 plus can of food (for foodbank)

**WHEN:** Saturday 15 May 2010

**TIME:** 7pm Please be seated by 6.45pm

Supper will be provided afterwards

Mingle and acquaint yourself with old and new friends

Present members: uniforms are to be worn please

Past members: we would love to see you in your uniform, campfire blanket or your scarf if you still have them

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