

# Rotota Sun Club

## Newsletter

## August 2009

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### Hi everyone and welcome to August.

Here in Hawke's Bay the wattle trees are in full bloom. I don't know if they are flowering early but they sure brighten up the landscape with glorious splashes of golden yellow. Here's hoping you are catching lots of golden sunshine to.

Some of our members have been busy and creative.

Adrienne was named winner of the Rotorua District Library "name the art space" competition recently.

The name **Toi Tangata – "Art Of The People"** was unveiled last month.

Congratulations Adrienne.

9yr old Lewis has been shushing his way down the slopes in his very first ski season and Dave P tells me that the weather has been that good in the "winterless north", that he gets to feed out in gumboots only! Brrr!

### Committee Things

Next committee meeting is on the Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.

On **Sept 19<sup>th</sup>** we are going to have a "**spring clean**". You are invited to join in and prune back the tracks, stack firewood etc and generally tidy up the place ready for summer. If it sounds like fun, and it normally is, get yourself there no matter what. There will be a yummy sausage sizzle, with sauce of course, so bring your pruning things, rakes, muscle power and best jokes. Everyone welcome.

Plans are afoot for Labour weekend which will include a bowls tournament, raffles etc. Watch this space for good times ahead.

The clubhouse is sporting lovely new curtains. Not only do they look good but will also help with the acoustics and make the place even cosier.

At long last you can unlock the road gate without doing yourself a mischief! You can actually walk around the wagon wheel by using a cute wee pathway that is metalled as well. How cool is that?

Mike & Bryan have fixed the SunCourt showers after months of "will they - won't they work?" No more screams of "where's the hot water?"

### Does this concern you?

**Has it died? Is it dysfunctional? Has it gone flat? Can it be resurrected?**

Now that we have your undivided attention it is obvious we are talking about your battery at Rotota!

With the high and ever increasing costs of lead storage batteries it is most important to look after them. All batteries, including deep cycle ones like to operate at or close to their full capacity. To continue to discharge a deep cycle battery to 50% of its' capacity will reduce its' life by many years. On the other side, a well-maintained battery operating in the 80% to 100% full range will last 10 years or more. A prime example of this is our clubhouse deep cycle batteries. They were installed at Easter 2000 and over 9 years later are still going strong. The two 80 watt solar panels and the storage capacity are obviously the right combination for the clubhouse.

So how do you measure a batteries charge? Does a fully charged battery weigh more than a flat battery? {Your editor will welcome your thoughts on this}

There are two easy ways to assess the charged state of your batteries – either the voltage across the + and the – terminals or the specific gravity by using a hydrometer. The table below shows the relative charge for each reading.

Percentage of charge	Voltage	Specific gravity
100	12.70	1.265
90	12.58	1.249
80	12.46	1.233
70	12.36	1.218
60	12.28	1.204
50	12.20	1.190
40	12.12	1.176
30	12.04	1.162
20	11.98	1.148
10	11.94	1.134
Discharged	11.90	1.120

The readings are at 25 deg c for open top type batteries, not just topped up with water and not recently charged or discharged, i.e. the batteries need to be lying idle for some time before taking the reading. Sealed or gel type batteries have different values/

Hope you are fully charged for the new season!

Courtesy of Mike L

### **Gonatural week 24<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009**

The NZNF has set aside the 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov as this years ‘gonatural week’, being the unofficial start of the summer season. The week starts at Labour weekend but also includes a non-holiday weekend as well. It is hoped that all clubs will hold a public event during this week to welcome people into the naturist lifestyle. Although it seems a long way off, time moves very fast so please start to discuss what you will be doing now.

Again this year, I would like to promote the benefits of naturism for health and well being, so if you could hold an event that demonstrates this, it would be in with the focus of my media release. After all, as we all know, naturism is great for your health- both physically and mentally.

Yours naturally

Glenne Findon

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### **Bert's ideal measurements for a woman. 80 - 20 - 102**

80 years old

20 million in the bank

102 fever

### **PINEGLADES presents the NZNF Rally**

Retro Rally 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 09 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10

\$135 discounted to \$125 if paid by 31 Oct 09

Phone +64 3 347 8201

Email: [pineglades@gonatural.co.nz](mailto:pineglades@gonatural.co.nz)

There are registration forms in the clubhouse.

**In the current** economic downturn there have been many surprises with finance companies going into liquidation and businesses closing down. There is a saying in the business world that “**you don’t know who is swimming naked till the tide goes out**” Obviously if everyone was naked there would be no surprises!!

**Ppsst !**

Have you remembered to pay your fees? We would hate to lose you as a member. Don't forget you have until Sept 1. Send them to The Treasurer RSC  
12B Beaumonts Road  
Ngongotaha ROTORUA

**Some basic By-laws**

Safety 3.1 No open fires permitted on or near club grounds

3.2 No smoking in all club accommodation or in the clubhouse

3.3 All separate sleep-outs for children must ensure that a 12-volt system is used and all gas fittings are removed.

Our pest control man is going well and has notched up 1 hare, 1 bunny, 4 possums, 2 cats, 1 plover and a partridge in a pear tree!!

Membership stands at 163 and rising!

Get well wishes to those folk who are sporting wonky knees, injured shoulders, sniffles and snuffles and winter blues. Take heart - summer is a comin'!

Cheers naturally

**THE ED**

Hope you like the gateway to 'our natural secret' below?

**Rotota - our natural secret**

