

Hello WAMOs

(Waipa Mountainbikers)

DID OUR CLUB LOGO DESIGNER USE A MIRROR?

Joel Bayley, who works with Scott Miller, has designed us a superb logo. I'll attach a very recent photo of Joel looking almost exactly like the rider in the logo. I'll attach the logo too. I am now hard at work on the web site where the logo will be featured – any suggestions for what else we could include gratefully received.

Thursday events and rides coming up:

- Thursday December 11th 6pm - social Christmas drink at **Pirongia Pub**. (Wear your Santa hat)
- 15th January - 6pm Thursday night social ride. Park in the carpark beside the bridge on Limeworks Loop road at Te Pahu. Ride up the **Kaniwhaniwha Stream** and back to the carpark, then ride on around the loop road, turning left to ride up Fillery Rd as far as you feel like going and then returning to the carpark the same way. A gentle ride in a lovely environment with some good hills on Fillery which can be easily avoided if you don't feel like it. Nice ride for the not-so-fit to enjoy and they could even just stop after the stream section, sit beside the stream with a thermos awaiting the return of the others. Fitness freaks just need to continue along Fillery a bit further before turning back and they can give themselves two good hills. This would be an ideal opportunity to also bring along a picnic to enjoy while sitting on the grass beside the stream after riding. You can even swim in the stream if you're feeling hot – there is a perfect swimming hole right there by the bridge.
- Thursday 29th January – Hamilton urban assault, meet at the Rose gardens at 6pm for a tootle around the secret (and not so secret) trails of H-town. We will arrange local guides who know how to find trails you never knew existed.
- 15th & 5th & 19 February, 5 & 19th March 2009, are other Thursday night rides to be advised, but could include Sainsbury, TA urban assault, Kakepuku or others **some of you may suggest**

Saturday Rides coming up:

- 9am - 24th January – the incredibly scenic Ngutunui gravel road ride through mountain bushland, farmland, riversides and with views of distant snow-capped volcanoes, west coast harbours and the Tasman sea. This is a long hard ride and is ideal training for Colville Connection. Can be ridden as a Time trial and is sometimes known as the “Deliverance TT” Bring food for en-route consumption and always bring your warm and waterproof gear as the weather is totally unpredictable up that mountain even on the hottest days. Tradition calls for a stop at the Persimmon Tree cafe in Pirongia on the way home for coffee and carbos. Might be nice to have a volunteer to follow the riders in a vehicle in case someone gets into difficulties. Any offers? It's a beautiful drive as well.
- 14th February – Black Stump Adventure Ride – entry forms now available. One of the toughest rides around but has a distance for everyone – you don't have to do the long course.
Web site here: <http://www.blackstumpadventures.co.nz/>
- During March, April and May we intend to take Saturday rides in the Waitomo area, the vast MTB friendly Pureora Forest and make the great 42nd Traverse.

SO GET TRAINING!! YOU NEED TO BE FIT!

There are also plenty of choices for rides at Taupo, Rotorua, Te Aroha & Tokoroa with many ride events running during summer. If you fancy doing some of them – just organise it yourself on the

club forum on Vorb. Tell us when you plan to go and see who turns up to ride with you – its as simple as that.

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