

**Tauranga Rock 'n' Roll  
Club Inc  
PO Box 966  
TAURANGA 3140**



**February 2009**

*[www.taurangarocknrollclub.org](http://www.taurangarocknrollclub.org)*

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Helen Lennard
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Trish Dawson-Saul
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Rana Mitchell
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Mary Thomas
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Rachael Lennard
	Carolyn Jacob
	Elizabeth Clarke
	Warren Griffiths

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## CLUB NITES - MONDAY 8-10pm

### TAURANGA RSA CAMERON ROAD

TAURANGA MEMBERS	\$ 2.00 Seniors	\$ 0.50 Juniors
NON-MEMBERS	\$ 4.00 Seniors	\$ 1.50 Juniors

A member from other clubs same as Tauranga Members  
on producing their current Membership Card.

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Our thanks to Brenda Donald of Central Parade Pharmacy  
who donated a big bottle of excellent sunscreen to  
Tauranga's Fun Challenge team - none of us suffered sun burn.

***Central Parade Pharmacy***  
***536 Maunganui Road***  
***Mt Maunganui***

For all you pharmacy and herbal requirements.  
Brenda also has a good range of lovely gifts, makeup and much more.

# FROM THE TOP SEAT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good break and that you are all rearing to go for another year of rock and roll.

We started our year off with a bit of a change to our New Year Hop on 17<sup>th</sup> January. This year we held it at Breakers at the Mount. Judith and Rick made us very welcome and our club benefited by way of a cheque for a percentage of the nights takings. A big thank you to Breakers. The only downside to the night was that Noise Control came and closed us down just after 11pm! ( no warnings, nothing). A bit disappointing considering all the other bars were still fully operational and noisy!

Next up is Fun Challenge ,14<sup>th</sup> February, hosted by Whakatane Club. This is always a great day. See Carolyn or Ray for more info on this. The club will have two tents pitched at Awakeri Hot Springs for those who want to stay the night.

Beginners lessons start 16<sup>th</sup> February with Colleen as tutor.

No Jumps 14<sup>th</sup> March – get your entries in now. There are new sections this year, Junior Novice and Senior Novice and also Showcase. Those of you not competing come along and enjoy the day. I am sure you won't be disappointed.

Our Birthday Hop is the following weekend 21<sup>st</sup> March. A night not to be missed. Mark it in your calendar now.

Thinking ahead a bit, Club Champs will be held in May. As per discussion at AGM this night will be for Tauranga members only. Start thinking now about this. It would be great to see as many take part as possible. I think that the Experienced/Inexperienced section could be quite full. We also have lots of new Novice couples and I am sure that some of the long term (not old) club members will be only too willing to help you.

Remember our website is updated regularly by Jim .

Anything you need to know will be there (thanks Jim).

Helen



## CLUB NITES

**For all those club members who are not aware, we have a door prize every week where a member's number is drawn for a cash prize. To collect you have to be there!**

**Who will be the luck member this month!**

***Remember: to be in the draw you have to be there!***

## CELEBRATIONS

### Happy Birthday !

#### February

2nd Emily Murcott  
6th Duncan Dury  
10th Nikki Stone

#### March

5th Jane Royds  
6th Diane Jenner  
8th Joy Fowles and  
Ray Jacobs  
11th Carolyn Pittams  
15th Neville Cooper  
16th Lyn Pratt



# Christmas Parade

The club was asked to provide dancers to accompany the Breakers Restaurant float in the Mount Christmas Parade.

The morning was sunny, hot and no shade for us to shelter under until everyone was ready to head off. The parade started at Tawa Street going down the main shopping centre and finishing at Victoria Avenue.

We set off at what should have been a leisurely pace but unfortunately the leading Pipe Band galloped off and we had to run to keep up, so not much dancing was displayed to the people. We covered the distance, 40 floats, parade over in 23mins. (Record Time).

Breakers invited us back for cold drinks and hot chips.

Colleen & Warren



## NEW YEAR HOP

From the Christmas Parade our contact was made with The Breakers' and on the suggestion of those members who took part in the parade our Committee decided that it would make a novel change to hold our New Year Hop at a new venue - The Breakers, Mt Maunganui.

It was an enjoyable evening with non rock n rollers joining in the evenings fun alongside the usual crowd of rockers, despite being closed down well before 11.30pm.

Thanks to those members who came up with the bright idea of using this novel venue - we had a great time! And thanks to The Breakers who were great hosts and joined in the fun also.



## **Discovered Talents...**

Wanganui was host to the 2009 NZ Masters Games a couple of weeks ago and Jill, Robin & I travelled to Wanganui to take part - not as dancers but, at the invitation of Wanganui Rock'n'Roll Club, as **Rotorocker Productions to record and produce the official DVDs** of the RnR segment of the Games.

The whole weekend was a real blast; even the trip to Wanganui was not without incident. We travelled through Taupo and hung a right just past Turangi, then left into the National Park. As we approached the National Park Village, there was a huge plume of what looked like steam going straight up into the sky for at least a kilometer. We never did figure out what it was but we didn't hear about any eruptions.

Up until about 5 minutes the other side of Raetihi traffic was very light with no delays. Then suddenly we came over the brow of a hill and came to a complete stop with stationary traffic as far as the eye could see. Turned out there had been a head on collision and we were stuck there for about an hour. It was stink hot with little or no shade around. So we cranked up the car's sound system and spent the time rock'n'rolling in the fast lane of SH4. Two ambulances, a police car, a fire truck, one tow truck and a rescue helicopter later we were on our way again.

The Games themselves were huge. There wasn't a single sport not represented, with the whole city involved. The RnR sections were held in a huge Marquee as big as any hall, complete with a full sized stage and a portable dance floor which lay on top of the grass. The event went almost without a hitch (just one power cut towards the end of Reet Petite which suddenly petited out), and included competitors from around New Zealand, Australia and Norway.

Wanganui Club members were very friendly, helpful and welcoming, and our billet, Karen, even gave us a very interesting guided tour of the city. We had a great time there and we're really looking forward to returning for the Junior Nationals in a few months.

The trip home was much more relaxed and for the first time in years we stopped off at just about every tourist spot we came across, including lunching at the top of the Bruce Road on Mount Ruapehu, sightseeing at waterfalls and enjoying mountain streams. We watched the out-fall from Lake Taupo come to a stop, and plan to return to see the opening of the flood gates some time. All in all it was a very enjoyable trip.

It takes a weekend like that to really appreciate what a fantastically beautiful country we live in.

***Jim Broom***

**Don't forget to check out our new Website !**

**Our newsletters and up-coming events are on the Website!**

***[www.taurangarocknrollclub.org](http://www.taurangarocknrollclub.org)***

Jim updates on a regular basis so keep tuned!

If you have experienced a fun event (be it a family gathering, exciting outing, news you would like to share) please feel free to email me. It might just be a helpful hint or tasty recipe!

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# **TAURANGA ROCK 'N' ROLL CLUB**

## **26TH BIRTHDAY HOP**



**SATURDAY 21st MARCH 2009**

**7.30pm**

**GREERTON HALL**

**CAMERON ROAD**

**\$15.00 SENIORS \$8.00 JUNIORS**

**DJ Duncan**

**SUPPER PROVIDED**

**B.Y.O**

**COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE OUR**

**BIRTHDAY**

**Petrol Vouchers & Cash Raffles**

## 2009 Fun Challenge

This years Fun Challenge was hosted by the Whakatane Club and held at the Rec Centre Awakeri. Whilst some of the Tauranga team travelled over on Friday evening and pitched their tents at Awakeri Hot Spring the rest of us travelled on the day.

The theme of the day was Valentines Day (of course as it was 14th February!) and whilst some of the jokers dressed to the theme, others chose other costumes. Being from a coastal town we decided that a surf lifesaver was appropriate!

The day started off overcast and cooler but very pleasant for game playing. Our first game we ended up having to improvise when one of the handles snapped off our wheelbarrow!

We went skiing (3 people on 1 set of 'skis), moved barrels, passed a rugby ball, ran, threw balls and became horse and jockeys! Who said rock 'n rollers weren't versatile!

After lunch we finished off the games with a good ole boat race - guzzling beer (as a team of course). Back at Awakeri Hot Springs with injuries attended to (only Alton this year with a torn calf muscle which put paid to his golf tournament the following day), choice of cold ones opened we settled down to relax for a few hours before the evening entertainment started. Some of us changed into cozzies and relaxed tired muscles in the pool.

Tea then showers and back to the Rec. Centre for dancing and more fun.

Next year's Fun Challenge will be hosted by City of Sails who won the day with Tauranga coming 2nd.

We'll be all out to win next year!

A great day and evening - thank you Whakatane.



Ray & Carolyn start the fun early



Our group of serious competitors.....well, not so serious!



Helen was supposed to be pushing Jim in the wheelbarrow.  
Rachel tries pushing the one-handed wheelbarrow.



Changing horses and jockeys



Relaxing

# February 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 Club Night  <i>Rana</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Club Night  <i>Elizabeth</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Fun Challenge</b>  <b>Whakatane</b>	15
16 Beginners Lessons #1  Carolyn	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Beginners Lessons #2  Webster	24	25	26	27	28	<i>Full Moon</i>

# March 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						<i>1 Autumn</i>
<i>2</i> Beginners Lessons #3	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> Beginners Lessons #4  <i>Raymond</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> Beginners Lessons #5  <i>Ray</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <b>TAURANGA BIRTHDAY HOP</b>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> Club Night  <i>Robin</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i> Club Night  <i>Colleen</i>	<i>31</i>					<i>Full Moon 11th First Quarter</i>