



## Newcastle Lower Hunter Branch

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**Branch Social Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the Month**

**Edgeworth Bowling Club 6pm for Dinner & 7pm Meeting**

# NOVEMBER 2011

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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Thanks to Edgeworth Bowling Club  
Home of the Newcastle Lower

Hunter Ulysses Branch

### **President's Report - November 2011**

I hope everyone enjoyed their rides to the various destinations on the ride calendar last month.

I remind everybody that you should ride to your own comfort zone, there are no races on Branch ride days.

The Christmas Party on 19 November is all organised so be part of the fun and games to be played. If you are coming to the Christmas Party your money must be paid by the next social meeting on 12 November.

If you have any suggestions for rides or other social functions let the committee know so they can be put in the ride calendar then come along and enjoy yourselves.

Don't forget, there will be no social meeting next month due to the unavailability of our meeting venue. We will instead be having a twilight ride. See the ride calendar for details.

Brian

## Editors note

Please feel free to submit articles for your newsletter to:- [wendycheers@gmail.com](mailto:wendycheers@gmail.com)

All submissions are published at the discretion of the editor/committee and may be edited.

Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Ulysses Club Inc., NLH Committee or the Editor.

November's Newsletter is 'short and sweet' this month. Had lots happening this month and not a lot of time left over for your Newsletter....sorry! Miss Wendy.



Debbie Relf

Gail Brinkley

Karen Black

Graham Solomon



Deb & Dallas Relf

Shirley & Lee Stark

Steven & Christine Tapping

Don't forget to see our lovely Quartermistress if you need any Ulysses gear or branch shirts.

Judy has a large range of Ulysses gear at each branch meeting.

Judy is happy to take your merchandise orders and if not in stock they are generally available for pickup at the following month's branch meeting. Thanks for doing such a great job Judy

There will be **NO December meeting** due to the Club having no rooms available on meeting night.

Novembers Ride Calendar

13 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	To: Chichester Dam Please advise Lynne if attending ride for catering purposes	Leaving Hexham McDonalds at 8.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	<u>Branch Christmas Party</u> @ Edgeworth Bowling Club Payment due by Novembers branch meeting \$23	<u>6pm</u>
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Coffee Morning @ Aqua Blue Nelson Bay Marina 10 am	From your home
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Ride to Lochinvar for lunch	Leaving Hexham McDonalds at 8.30am

*Decembers Ride Calendar*

4 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Newcastle Toy Run  From your home to meet at Griffith Park Stockton to Newcastle Foreshore	10am start
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	<u><i>Twilight Ride</i></u> to Regal Hunter Hotel @ Tenambit Chinese Restaurant.  <u>(This twilight ride will replace our usual Sunday ride)</u>	4.30 pm  Hexham McDonalds
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2011		NO MONTHLY MEETING due to room being unavailable. Twilight ride instead (see above)	Twilight Ride
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2011		NO COFFEE MORNING (life is too busy as this time of year)	
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2011		Nobbys Beach. Why not come along and join Terry and Faye Shepherd at Nobbys Beach. Bring along some nibbles, relax and wind down after a long Christmas Day	5pm Nobbys Beach until approx. 7pm

# Last month's rides

## ClarenceTown Camping

The last weekend of October found Branch members camping at the Williams River Caravan Park. Most of us opted for four wheels although there were a couple of die hard bikers on their bikes with trailers in tow. And some took the more luxurious option of hiring a cabin at the caravan park.

By the time Brian & I arrived at 5pm Friday there were already three caravans and two camper trailers set up with their occupants sitting back and enjoying happy hour. John and Helen arrived soon after on their bike with their trailer and camping gear.

We all set up camp and had a quiet drink or two before dinner. A few campers headed down to the local bowling club for dinner which by all reports was a very nice meal. The evening ended with us all sitting around Ken & Gail's camp fire.

The next morning we were all surprised that Faye had her knickers in a knot - literally. It seems that when Faye & Terry went to the club for dinner the night before person or persons unknown tied a few knots in some clothing - and - the sheets seemed a bit shorter too! Seems their coffee, sugar and teaspoons went missing as well!

After a lazy breakfast of bacon and eggs we all set off to the Clarence Town Markets which were set up off the main street. Most of us managed to part with some of our hard earned cash and returned to camp to relax for the rest of the day. It was nice to be surprised by day visitors, Wally & Cheryl, Deb & Dallas on their bike, and Ross and Julie as well as others who made a last minute decision to come and camp for the night. The day was turning warm and while most just lazed around and kept moving to follow the shade, Greg & Jenny had been paddling in their kayak down on the river again and Steve was even more energetic, paddling 10kms up and down the river.

Tonight we all stayed at camp for our bbq dinner and when the bugs started to bite we made our way once again to Ken & Gail's camp fire to talk the night away.

Sunday morning saw all of us, apart from Greg & Jenny who were fortunate to be able to stay another day, pack up to head home. Thanks all for coming along. It was a relaxing way to spend the weekend in good company.

Lynne





# Items of interest



## **\*\*BRANCH CHRISTMAS PARTY\*\***

We will be holding our Christmas Party this year at Edgeworth Bowling Club on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 @ 6pm**. The cost of the meal is **\$23 per head**. **Full payment is required by no later than November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Direct payment may be made into NLH bank account by emailing Lynne at [newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlelowerhunterulysses@gmail.com) who will supply you with bank account details.

This is always fantastic night and a great get together, so come along and have some fun. If you would like to bring along a same sex Christmas present....santa will be arriving on the night handing out pressies to those who have bought presents. Please only spend around \$10 on a gift.

## **\*\*CHRISTMAS RAFFLE\*\***

This years raffle will be supporting U.C.A.R.F.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize** \$200 wotif.com accommodation voucher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** \$100 Paymasters Restaurant voucher;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** \$ 50 Christmas Hamper.

Tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

## ***Interested in overseas biking holidays???***

Travelworld at Toronto have a couple of interesting motorcycling holidays available to Ulysses members.

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Why not continue to "grow old disgracefully" whilst discovering the lure of American roads?

We have a couple of American Rides designed exclusively for ULYSSES CLUB members:- Here is your opportunity to ride with your fellow Ulysseans on an Odyssey through some of America's most spectacular countryside and on roads that seem as if they were just made for bikers. Whether it's the seductive beauty of the American Southwest, or something a little more lively like attending one of Daytona's well known bike rallies, you will be among friends.

We can offer a number of different makes of bikes ranging from Harley Davidsons, BMWs and Hondas so you have plenty of choice.

We look after all the details, planned rides and tours, rest breaks, fuel stops, the best spot for a great coffee or a stunning photo.

We'll get you off the highways onto interesting back roads. The Experienced Australian ride leader knows the road well. He's in radio contact with the support van to provide extra security. The van becomes the shuttle to night time events so you don't have to worry about how to get home.

Just relax and enjoy everything that's on offer !!!

There is nothing like being there.....especially now with the dollar so good.

CANYONS OF THE AMERICAN WEST.....24 March 2012 – 01 April 2012. 8 Days. From \$3990pp  
Las Vegas, Prescott, Sedona, Grand Canyon, Kingman, Oatman, Las Vegas.

DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST RALLY....11 October 2012 – 22 October 2012.  
New Orleans, Fort Walton Beach, Perry, Daytona Beach, Optional ride to Cape Canaveral-  
Kennedy Space Centre, Orlando. 12 Days. From \$4990.00  
18-20 October 2012 – Biketoberfest Activities:- engage in the spectacular Daytona  
Biketoberfest events – meet with fellow bikers in an air of camaraderie, visit booths and  
stalls offering all manner of bike merchandise and take part in many of the rides through  
nearby trails.

Conditions apply & itinerary with further details available from our office.

For further information contact:

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# Giggle time



Two Irishmen walk into a pet shop in Dingle, they walk over to the bird section and Gerry says to Paddy, 'Dat's dem.'

The owner comes over and asks if he can help them.

'Yeah, we'll take four of dem dere little budgies in dat cage up dere,' says Gerry.

The owner puts the budgies in a cardboard box.

Paddy and Gerry pay for the birds, leave the shop and get into Gerry's truck to drive to the top of the Connor Pass.

At the Connor Pass, Gerry looks down at the 1000 foot drop and says, 'Dis looks like a grand place.'

He takes two birds out of the box, puts one on each shoulder and jumps off the cliff.

Paddy watches as the budgies fly off and Gerry falls all the way to the bottom, killing himself stone dead.

Looking down at the remains of his best pal, Paddy shakes his head and says, 'Fook dat. Dis budgie jumping is too fook'n dangerous for me!'

THERE'S MORE...

Moment's later; Seamus arrives up at Connor Pass.

He's been to the pet shop too and walks up to the edge of the cliff carrying another cardboard box in one hand and a shotgun in the other.

'Hi, Paddy, watch dis,' Seamus says.

He takes a parrot from the box and lets him fly free.

He then throws himself over the edge of the cliff with the gun.

Paddy watches as half way down, Seamus takes the gun and shoots the parrot.

Seamus continues to plummet down and down until he hits the bottom and breaks every bone in his body.

Paddy shakes his head and says, 'And I'm never trying dat parrotshooting either!'

IT IS NOT OVER YET...

Paddy is just getting over the shock of losing two friends when Sean appears.

He's also been to the pet shop and is carrying a cardboard box out of which he pulls a chicken

Sean then takes the chicken by its legs and hurls himself off the cliff and disappears down and down until he hits a rock and breaks his spine.

Once more Paddy shakes his head.

'Fook dat, lads. First dere was Gerry with his budgie jumping, den Seamus parrotshooting.. And now Sean and his fook'n hengliding!

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# Members in Business:

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# Friends vs. Biker Friends

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Friends: Never ask for food.

Biker Friends: Are the reason you have no food.

Friends: Will say "Hello",

Biker Friends: Will give you a big hug and a kiss.

Friends: Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.,

Biker Friends: Call your partents Mom and Dad.

Friends: Have never seen you cry,

Biker Friends: Cry with you.

Friends: Eat at your dinner table and leave,

Biker Friends: Will spend hours talking, laughing and just being together.

Friends: Know a few things about you.

Biker Friends: Could write a book with direct quotes.

Friends: Knock on your door,

Biker Friends: Walk right in and say "I'm Home !"

Friends: Are for a while,

Biker Friends: Are for life.

Friends: Will ignore this,

Biker Friends: Will forward this.