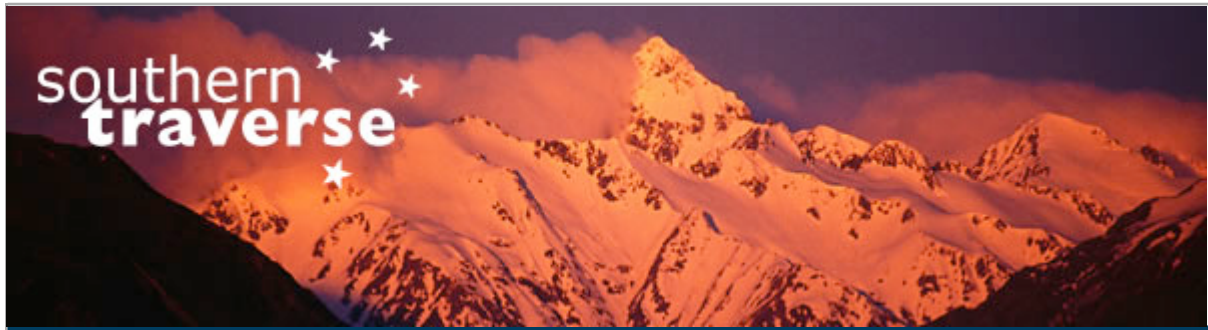


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### **Winter News**

Well sitting here in the office with the door open on the 13th June, and it hardly feels like winter. We have about 15mins still more of sun (sets here at 3.40) and then the temparture will start to drop; but looking at the forecast for the rest of the week and it does not show any sign of snow at all. (it feels more like winter now - 16th June)

But we are all enjoying this mild autumn and getting out on the bike heaps still. Mostly in the dark, when it is a little colder but day time Saturdays have been just fine.

We have been busy still in the office with preparations for The North Face Peak to Peak and also working on the Qtn Bike Festival for next year.

In this newsletter we have all the information and current news about the event and look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards

Geoff and Pascale

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### **The North Face Peak to Peak**

Our favourite Winter multisport event is the next race on our calendar **6th August**. The race is being held for the 18th consecutive year and with this very mild autumn it has been easy to maintain the fitness levels for when winter does come.

We already know of a few local teams who are sorted, including a inter-mountain rivalry between nzski mountains - Remarkables, Coronet and perhaps Mt Hutt. Queenstown Medical center staff are also getting themselves organised.

The teams section is always hotly contested and we find the traditional friendly rivalry between local business house teams a particularly exciting feature of the race.

A call just now from the sports co-ordinator at Wakatipu High School confirms 3 school teams and one teachers team. The challenge is there for the other schools.

But it is also a race for individuals trying to set very quick times, or beat their previous year's result thus setting their own challenge, in what has become one of New Zealand's most high profile winter multisport races.

As always, 5 stages are on offer, and they include skiing/snow boarding, mountain biking, kayaking, running and cycling on a 44 km course suits all levels from elite to rookie multisporters.

#### **The Course**

##### **Stage 1: Ski/Board 2km**

High on the Remarkables Ski Area. A mass start – run down to skis.

Actual start determined by snow cover

##### **Stage 2: Mtn Bike 17km**

Down Remarkables road to Frankton Beach

##### **Stage 3: Paddle 7km**

Frankton Beach to Queenstown Bay

##### **Stage 4: Run 9km**

From Queenstown Beach, through town and out to Coronet Alpine Hotel

##### **Stage 5: Bike 9km**

From Coronet Alpine Hotel to the finish at the Coronet Peak Ski Area base

#### **Divisions for:**

**Individuals:** Men / Women - Open, Junior or Vet

**Teams:** Open / Female / Mixed / Business House / Vet / School

Trophies for 1st Individual Male, 1st Individual Female, 1st Vet Male, 1st Open Team, and 1st Vet Team.

**Entry fee**

**Individual:** \$60.00 (\$70 entry on the day)

**Team:** \$120.00 (\$140 entry on the day)

**Please note:** Prizes for all 1st place getters, 2nd place getters (when field of more than 7 in category) and third (when field of more than 10 in category), and spot prizes.

Trophies for 1st Individual Male, 1st Individual Female, 1st Vet Male, 1st Open Team, and 1st Vet Team.

For all online entries, click on the link, and a downloadable entry form is also available [here](#).

Online Entry

Keep up to date on Facebook



**New Image for the race poster**

We have decided some time ago that all our events needed some refreshing, and this process has been ongoing during the year.

Each event in turn gets new logo and posters done by the fabulous team at [Feast Creative](#) Watch for the poster and flyers in a shop near you.

Check in these North Face shops next week.

**North Island**

The Northface Store - Queen St Auckland

Bivouac Outdoor - Queens Street / Newmarket / Hamilton / Wellington

Pack'n'Pedal - Albany and Botany Downs

R&R Sports K RD Auckland

Outdoorsman Rotorua

Taupo Great Outdoors

Gordons Wellington

**South Island**

Racers Edge Wanaka

Base Wanaka

Element Frankton

R&R Sports Queenstown / Ashburton / Dunedin / Nelson

Bivouac Dunedin



**Questions and Answers / Sponsors**

A few Q and A...

**Q.** Just wondering about the rules for the ski leg? Is it necessary to use skis or a snowboard or are other modes of transport acceptable, eg. a sled etc??

**A.** any sliding equipment is accepted.

**Q.** For the kayak, is it ok to use a surf ski? or are there any restrictions on the type of kayak used?

**A.** No restrictions on kayaks

**Q.** Can I have any number of athletes in a team?

**A.** Between two and five members make up a team.

**The Sponsors**

A special mention to [Coronet Alpine Hotel](#) for letting us use



their grounds at the last transition before the ride up to Coronet Peak.

Finally, we can only thank our sponsors yet again for their generosity and support:

**[The North Face,](#)**

Home of technically advanced, innovative, footwear, and gear that inspires athletes to 'Never Stop Exploring'

**[Coronet Peak and the Remarkables,](#)**

Epic skiing & riding in the spectacular heart of New Zealand's southern alps.

**[R&R Sport,](#)**

NZ's leading outdoor adventure retailer

**[Dux de Lux,](#)**

Queenstown's home of New Zealand's finest live music and an icon institution in the music scene,

**[Queenstown Gym,](#)**

Queenstown Gym is the ultimate workout location

**[Smith Optics,](#)**

Authentic Eyewear

**[K2 Skis,](#)**

Skis for all applications; Adventure, All-Mountain, Twin-Tips, Youth and Women's.

**[Zoot,](#)**

Zoot Sports, focused on providing the athlete with the ultimate in performance apparel, footwear and accessories.

**[The Rock FM](#)**

New Zealand's Top Rock Music Station

**[Kawarau Jet,](#)**

Unforgettable Jet boat experience

**[Peak Projects](#)**

Specialist design, development, construction and project management



**Registration / Race Briefing / Prize Giving**

**Registration** at R & R Queenstown from 6.00pm Friday 5th Aug for bib collection and race pack.

For those from out of town it is also available at Remarkables Ski Area from 10.30am on the 6th August.

**Race briefing** at 11.15am at the Remarkables Ski Area on the 6th August also.

**Prize giving** at Coronet Peak after the race.

**Race video** at Dux de Lux - 8 o'clock

A reminder: all racers in the first ski/snowboard leg are **required to wear helmets**. We would expect that most would have snow helmets, but for the athletes who don't have these then a bike helmet will be accepted.

The [briefing sheet](#) is now available for downloading online. It is compulsory for all participants to read. It includes the rules to be followed and other important information for your safety.

**Other Events**

**100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games 2011**

The Winter Games NZ is an international elite winter sports competition featuring alpine skiing, snowboarding, figure skating, short track speed skating, ice hockey, curling, cross country skiing, winter triathlon and freestyle skiing that takes place over a 16 day period from 13–28 August 2011.

Events occur at various locations throughout the Otago and Canterbury regions in New Zealand's South Island.

**Winter Triathlon**

Saturday 27th August

The New Zealand National Winter Triathlon Championships.

Venue: Snow Farm

No entry Fees

1. Run—6.8km 2. Mountain Bike—12km 3. Cross Country Ski—9.5km

Enter Online at [www.wintergamesnz.com](http://www.wintergamesnz.com)

### **New Zealand Cyclocross Championship**

Jardine Park in Queenstown on 2 July 2011

The programme for the day is 12 -1pm course practice,  
1.30-2pm time trial for start seeding position,  
followed by the race at 2.30pm.

The race itself goes for 1 hour plus 1 lap.

The course is very compact and is great for spectators too.

Mountain bikes are welcome to race. However to win the title your bike must have drop bars and tyres no wider than 43mm in width.

Entry details are on the Mountain Bike Club website

[New Zealand Cyclocross Championship](#)

There is also a Youtube clip of the course and a facebook page linked to the clubs website.

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### **Southern Traverse Events Calendar**

The North Face Peak to Peak Saturday 6th August 2011

Patagonia 8hrs@Jack's Saturday 22nd Oct 2011

Fresh Choice Womens Bike Run Tri 3rd March 2012

Outside Sports Super D 31st March 2012

New World Tour de Wakatipu 7th April 2012

Corona DirtMasters Downhill 6-7-8th April 2012

Queenstown Bike Festival 31st March - 9th April 2012

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