

September 2006 Newsletter

Toronto Outdoor Club

Remember: this is your newsletter! If you've enjoyed your experiences with the TOC, why not send a quote, a quick paragraph or even an article to info@torontooutdoorclub.com - get the word out about a hiking location, a new activity, or just dazzle us with your wit and wisdom. Submissions may be edited for space and clarity.

Round Two:

The Newsletter Gets a Makeover

If you've been paying attention to the news lately, you would have seen the articles and editorials about how September is our second New Year's - full of new beginnings and resolutions. It's a time when kids go back to school, summer holidays come to a close, and this year, the Toronto Outdoor Club gears up for its busiest fall season yet. It seems the warm weather has passed us by for another year, but that certainly does not mean that outdoor activity comes to a close!

Although we have over 600 current members, many of them have not yet attended a TOC event. Take that first step! Why not make it a September resolution?

Event Reminder: Annual General Mtg.

All TOC members are invited and encouraged to come along to the **first-ever annual general meeting (AGM) on Saturday, October 28th**. There will be awards, volunteer elections, and great opportunities to meet club members you've never met before. New members are particularly encouraged to attend!

Current TOC Stats

As we move into the fall months, the event calendar shows no sign of slowing down. With bookings for events in early 2007 already appearing, it seems that the club is filling a niche in Toronto. Here's a quick breakdown of where we stand:

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Featured Event

Every month, we will profile an event that has taken place over the past few weeks.

August 13, 2006: Summer trail ride

This equine adventure took place on perhaps one of the last warm and sunny weekends of the summer, at Wildwood Manor Ranch.

A group of 18 intrepid TOCers set off to conquer the trail. After a lesson in directing the horses, they set off, some in a canter and some walking. The group grew to appreciate their horses' individual qualities. Alison said of her horse, "Cochise was a gem once he figured out that yes, I did want to canter!"

At one point, a deer bounded out from the woods and startled the horses. Melanie's horse bolted and she slid off rather gracefully, but ended up with a bruise on her arm from the saddle. She very bravely got back on right away. Sharon was pitched forward over the pommel when her horse abruptly stopped its bolt, but managed to avoid falling off. There were no serious injuries and some stories to tell!

Abi and Grant getting ready for the trail ride



August photo gallery

TOC members had some amazing experiences this past month. From horseback riding to gliding through the air to recreational boating, movie nights and camping trips, our members did it all! Here is a quick look at a few of the highlights from the month. **Remember to send in your photos to photos@torontooutdoorclub.com once you finish an event.**



Photos clockwise from top right:

TOC mascot Rocky laps up the scenery (and the free ride, courtesy of Sarah); the TOC takes to the sky! Saif in the hang glider; Hassan, Jenn and Tanya paddling merrily along; intrepid hang gliders Coco, Saif and Melanie pose for the camera (while safely anchored to the ground); an August long weekend bather waves from underwater (and yes, they did resurface!)

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Total current members: 602

Total number of club volunteers: 22

Total number of events held to date: 153

Total number of members named Jennifer: 7



TOC Officers & Administrators

Unfortunately there's not enough room here to name all of our event coordinators as well. Please have a look at the web site for a full list.

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