

Giles Civil Ltd Newsletter December 2008

#### Comment

Whew! Thank goodness 2008 is nearly over. We don't need too many years like that!

The good news.. as one of the first industries to realise there was a recession, we can report that there are many signs that the worst is over. We have reached the bottom; there are just a few bumps at the bottom & then it's a slow climb up again.

Memo to us" 2008+5=2013: Great time to Sell Company"

There is a great Irish Road direction instruction.. They apparently don't have too many road names for country roads.. "Travel until you get to the Pub, the road you need to take is two roads back"

If we don't get a chance to personally speak to you before Xmas: "Have a great Xmas & New Year from all the team at Giles Civil."

David Hick Joe Coombe



# New Toys

Over the last month we have invested in a couple of interesting new "weapons". Both of these attachments were purchased to work on the Hobbs Wharf Marina project.

Follow our progress with more detailed technical information from a link on our website. www.gilescivil.co.nz

Due for flooding at Xmas, it is all hands on deck (pardon the nautical speak) to carry out a number of specialised projects before the bung on the new Marina is pulled.



Weapon #1. A 1200mm diamond rock & concrete saw Attached to our 5T digger this can saw cut rock to a depth of 520mm. This is the first one in the Country and is quite an awesome machine in operation

<u>Weapon #2</u>. A Twin drum Rock grinder. Fitted to our 7T digger this grinds its way through rock and concrete.

Once it has done its work at Gulf Harbour we see it as a great tool in carrying out road repairs, small stabilising road & carpark jobs, & general demolition work.



Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water.

- W. C. Fields

Just another difficult to-get-at job.

Our 3.5 digger being lowered into a

basement garden in Takapuna. This was to excavate the garden & carry out repairs. The only way in (& out) was by crane.



Spotted in Iraq



### Warning: Dihydrogen Monoxide

There has been very little publicity given to this common everyday substance which daily causes many deaths around the world. It is colourless, odourless and something needs to be done to warn people of its dangers.

We understand that a petition was started and many members of Parliament were persuaded to sign up for a ban until someone pointed out it was in fact **H2O**!

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# construction Solutions



# NORTH SHORE HOSPICE GOLF DAY 2009 Thursday 12th February 2009, North Shore Golf Club



# Giles Civil Ltd is a proud major sponsor of this event.

We have a couple of spaces for some keen golfers to join our team for this major fundraising

Email your entry together with

your Golf Handicap & shirt size to go into a draw to join us for what promises to a great day in support of a very worthy cause. Entries close 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2008. No accommodation or travel costs form part of this prize.

**Did you know** that approximately that approximately 7 to 10 percent of the adult population was left-handed? Studies indicate that left-handedness

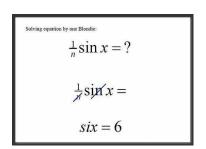
is more common in males than females. Though constituting less than 10% of the general population, 60% of U.S presidents in the last thirty years have been left-handed, including Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Republican presidential candidate John McCain also happened to be left-handed.

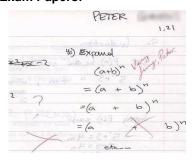




Congratulations to Roxanne Adams (Daughter of our PA, Sandy) on winning the Auckland Junior U12 200m Backstroke and 1500m Freestyle at the recent Championship meet. Also 2 Silver & 3 Bronze medals. Roxy now holds the distinction of being the fastest 12 y.o. over 1500m in NZ at present.

## From Recent Exam Papers:





# View from the Cab, Car, Office

Our special Guest this time is Giles Civil Ltd Co-founder & Director, Joe Coombe.

We googled images for Joe Coombe; this came up as first result! Spooky.



Q Hi Joe, how long

have you been in construction industry? A Approximately 24 years. I started as an

engineering cadet at Mt Wellington Borough Council, and have been in the industry since

Q. What's great about the Construction Industry?

A. The best thing about the construction industry is the people and the challenges. The industry in NZ is small and you always meet up with people again, but I think every project has its own challenge and it is a matter of identifying these and working together to solve the challenges.

Q. What's the best thing about N.Z.

A. The best thing about NZ is it is a relatively safe place to bring up a family. The beaches and the outdoors are so accessible.

Q. I believe you have some associations you belong to?

A. Yes, I am currently the deputy chairman of the NZCF Auckland Branch, a member of the kids Friends of the School group and the group leader of my sons scout group.

Q. You are looking fit and healthy!

A. Yes I have just completed the Club Physical 12 Week Challenge and received a medal for outstanding results. I would recommend this to anyone who wants to gain more energy. Also it is a great way to lock in a new habit and get started at a gym. I currently go to the gym 5 days a week.

Q. Your dream career change?

A. I have always had a strong interest in aviation so I guess a pilots role without the shift work and time away from the family would be nice.

Q. Tell us something that we don't know about

A. I come from a family of 15 kids, grew up in Auckland, had about 5 years in the beautiful Hawkes Bay and now have 4 kids and live on Auckland's North Shore.

Q. Hypothetically.. Who would you turn gay for??

A. Well, it would require an operation but I think Angelina Jolie.

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