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Wellington Hockey Association

# Newsletter 3

## Welcome to Donna Mote!

We are delighted to confirm Donna Mote will take up the role of Office Administrator for Wellington Hockey Association, starting 14 June. Donna's key responsibilities will be to support Open Grade and Secondary Competitions as well as a large variety of administrative tasks including managing events we host such as tournaments and test matches.

Donna has tremendous experience working with the Secondary Hockey

competition from a user perspective and is the Chairperson of the Tawa College Hockey Committee (previously the girls convenor and also Chair of Tawa Junior Hockey).

Her work experience has more recently been as a Teaching Assistant and prior to that in Customer Service and Administrative roles.

In the mean time a huge thank you must go to Sandra for all her work with the Secondary Competition draw (as well as

her usual duties of Primary and Mini hockey). We have only 4 spare slots across the week for Secondary hockey games - so you can imagine the difficulties that exist in trying to get the draw completed for each week.

Donna's email address will be: [info@wellingtonhockey.org.nz](mailto:info@wellingtonhockey.org.nz) and as with all of us her contact phone number will be 04 389 3337.

### In honour of Ngaire and Gray Miskimmin

If any of you have noticed the wooden bench seat at the northern end of NHS1 but haven't taken time to look at the plaque - the seat was placed there by the Miskimmin family in honour of their parents - "passionate supporters of Wellington Hockey". A wonderful idea and the seat is in a great spot - a favourite viewing area for all the family.

## Note from the Chief Executive

The Blacksticks v India Test Series finished off in Wellington last weekend and it was great to see so many of you down here supporting the teams. We were blessed with the weather which showed the National Hockey Stadium off beautifully in the sunshine on SKY (with the seating almost full). As you will all know, we have not had the same weather for days prior to and the days since the tests!

A very special thank you must go to the Wellington Indian Sports Club and the YWCA Hockey Club. The Indian club did an amazing job providing, music, announcers, liaison staff

and a wonderfully impressive array of food for the after match function on Sunday. The YWCA club were one of 6 clubs who put their names forward to run the gate and look after VIP guests. They did a tremendous job keeping queues down at the gate and putting their hand to anything that was asked of them (even running cables for one of the SKY cameras).

Special mention must also go to Nin Roberts who made her debut as a sports broadcaster working with Bryan Waddle on the live radio broadcast for both tests. She did an incredible job commenting on the game from the top of the

SKY scaffolding! Derek Wilshere also did a wonderful job as MC.

We also had a large number of volunteers involved in the weekend from our great ball girls to a number of others who assisted with varying duties. Thank you all - it was great to have so many of our community involved in the weekend!

Best wishes,

Anne-Margaret

PS Thank you also to Julie Schultz for lending me her watch and to Blair Hilton for helping out in the office this week!

### Dates for your diary:

- 5 - 7 June - Indian and Maori National Tournaments (Indians being held in Wellington)
- 5 - 10 July - Under 18 National Tournament (Dunedin, Tauranga and Auckland)
- 12 - 17 July - Under 15 National Tournaments (Wairarapa, Napier, Hamilton and Wellington)
- 12 - 17 Wellington hosts the Under 15b Girls National Tournament
- 14/8 - Premier 1 Open Grade - Finals Day
- 30/8 - 3/9 Winter Sports Week (Secondary Schools) - Wellington hosting the boys and girls 2nd XI Tournament
- 4/5 September - Open Grade Finals Weekend
- An updated **Competition Calendar** is available on the website under [Competitions/Draws](#)

# NHS1 Turf Update

With the NHS1 Turf circles in a fairly sad state this season we have had to make the decision to cancel hosting of the National Hockey League in 2010. We simply were not able to guarantee the quality of the surface with 4 more months of high utilisation ahead of us. North Harbour will now host the 18 - 26 September Tournament. There is a double-header weekend being held 11/12 September - our men's team will travel to Dunedin to compete and our women's team to Palmerston North. Please get those dates in your diary to ensure you can head up and support the team (our Open Grade competitions will all be finished by then!).

Hopefully we will be able to host NHL in 2011 and will know this soon (a meeting is being held in Auckland early next month to discuss NHL further). With the Rugby World Cup upon us in 2011 we will be working to ensure NHL doesn't clash with the rugby as much as possible (logistically it will be a nightmare

for people to find accommodation and get flights etc at the same time as the World Cup let alone attracting a crowd with so much going on). We are already looking at the Calendar for 2011 to ensure we can get our competitions completed prior to the start of the World Cup (starts 9 September). The Secondary competition is the main concern in this respect (finishing 17 September this year).

In the mean time plans for replacing the turf continue with Wellington City Council well down the project planning path. It will be an international-quality water based surface and all going well NHS1 will start getting ripped up early October. Unfortunately this will mean a disruption to our usual summer activities such as 6-a-side and Masters however we will all agree it will be worth it when we have our new turf in place for the 2011 season!

We will advise more about our summer programme in the next newsletter.

## 8 Blacksticks!

It is wonderful for us to have so many players from Wellington in the Blacksticks Teams.

Blair Tarrant and Stephen Jenness, our new caps, have joined Joel Baker, Kyle Pontifex, Blair Hilton and Phil Burrows in the men's team following their outstanding success at Under 21's. Stephen, Blair, Blair and Joel will all travel to Nottingham for the **4-nations tournament** and then Blair Tarrant, Blair Hilton, Kyle and Phil will compete in Germany in **Champions Trophy** in early August (Sean Dancer is Assistant Coach for both tournaments).

Beth Jurgeleit and Anita Punt make up our 8 Wellington Blacksticks players as members of the women's team - both players having a very successful series against India with **Beth named MVP** for the series.

Good luck to all these players for the remainder of their busy year!

## Secondary R3 Girls Competition

We have realised we didn't send information on how this competition was being run this year (with 9 teams in the grade). There will be a 7 game round robin which means not all teams will play each other in the grading round. This is to ensure the grade finishes in time for promotion/relegation week. If the top two teams are not obvious at the end of this period - the Youth Advisory Council will take all results into consideration in deciding who will compete for promotion/relegation. We will then split the grade into two pools of 5 (sorry this does mean a BYE in each pool) for a 5 week round robin. An inter-pool play off will occur followed by finals the week beginning 23 August. This competition will therefore end a couple of weeks before the other grades do.

# Wellington Sportsperson of the Year

Huge congratulations go to Devendra Patel who has been short-listed for 'Official of the Year' and Peter Miskimmin for 'Coach of the Year' for the 2010 awards. The dinner is being held this week and we wish both of them the very best for the night.

Dev had a very busy year in 2010 umpiring the Indian and Malaysian Test Series, officiating at the women's Oceania Tournament, umpires manager at India Shield, umpired at Under 21's and NHL, mentored a number of the region's young umpires, ran 7 Introduction to Umpiring Courses and a Level One Umpiring Course along with doing PI appointments and of course umpiring PI hockey! A well deserved finalist. Peter had the wonderful success with the Junior Blacksticks reaching 4th in the World Cup - an outstanding achievement.

We also nominated the following people / teams for awards:

- Team - Capital Under 21 Men's Team (for winning national tournament).
- Sportsman - Kyle Pontifex (Northern, NHL and Blacksticks)
- Sportswomen - Anita Punt (Indians, NHL and Blacksticks)
- Coach of the Year - Grant Hunt (Under 21's); Mark Rutter (NHL)
- Emerging Player - Blair Hilton (U21, NHL, Junior Blacksticks and Blacksticks)
- Volunteer - Amanda Goad (Umpires mentoring programme)
- Lifetime Achievement - Derek Wilshere

All of the above people/teams would have been more than worthy winners of the awards - congratulations to them all.

## ProActive Rehab

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Wellington Hockey Association is delighted to be working with ProActive Rehab this year. ProActive are supplying all physio services to our Under 21 and NHL teams in 2010 and we are pleased to be receiving their wonderful support. Proactive welcome Wellington Hockey players to use their services for any physio assessment and treatment and can be contacted at:

<http://www.proactiverehab.co.nz/>



## Interislander

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Interislander has provided generous support to Wellington Hockey Association through placing signage at our grounds. You hopefully will have noticed new signs at NHS1, NHS2 and at Fraser and Elsdon turfs. In return Interislander are providing discounted travel for our Representative teams who travel to Blenheim for the Quad tournament. This is a great way to reduce costs for Rep teams and we are very appreciative of this support.



## 75 and 100 Years!

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Special mention must go to the Wellington Indian Sports Club who are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year. They are hosting the Annual New Zealand Indian Sports Association Tournament here in Newtown with games running over the whole of Queen's Birthday Weekend.

IN the mean time the Hutt Hockey Club are celebrating their very impressive 100th anniversary during Queen's

Birthday Weekend. They have a number of events occurring during the weekend including Junior activities on Saturday morning, past masters v the current PI team on Saturday afternoon and a dinner on the Saturday night. Further information is available online at:

[www.hutthockeyclub.org.nz/centenary](http://www.hutthockeyclub.org.nz/centenary).

## July Holiday Programme

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The July school holidays will see the last of our in-season hockey days for the winter season. This will be a great couple of days for participants, with plenty of good hockey to be learned. 'Future Sticks' will have a good chance to continue learning the basics while the U11's & U13's will be able to polish up their skills for their rep programmes. Keepers, strikers and defenders will all get a solid work out on their skills and will be put to the test in modified matches and set plays.

### For Under 11s and Under 13s (9am - 3pm each day)

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th (NHS)

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th (Fraser)

### Future Sticks - Under 9's (9am - 12pm)

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July (NHS)

Please find all the details by going to the WHA website;

[In-season Programme Details](#)

Places are limited for these programmes so please get your forms in soon.

If you have any more questions please don't hesitate to contact me at;

[sean@wellingtonhockey.org.nz](mailto:sean@wellingtonhockey.org.nz)





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## Competition Update

### Open Grade

Northern United for the men and Karori for the women are top of the table for **P1** competition at present; both are undefeated teams after 6 competition games. The men's grade is seeing some tight games this year with Dalefield's improving game certainly adding to the mix. We have welcomed Harbour/City to the P1 women's competition in the second round to fill the gap left by Dalefield's withdrawal. The **P2** men's competition is tight at the top with the top 4 teams all within a point of each other; the women's P2 grade sees Victoria 2 and Eastern Hutt tied for first following the first 3 games of the round with 3 wins and a bonus point each.

**P3** sees Harbour City/Tawa top of both the men's and women's grades - although this isn't too clear cut in the women's competition with the top 4 separated by only 1 point.

**Reserve 1** sees Upper Hutt and Hutt at the top on the men's and women's grades with 3 wins each - Indians in the men's and Island Bay in the women's are a close second.

**R2** is going well in the Men's grade for Naenae with their 2nd and 3rd XI teams in 1st and 2nd place. There is no clear leader in the women's grade. Eastern Hutt is a clear leader in **R3** men with 3 wins and two bonus points from the first 3 games while Toa is leading the women's grade.

### Secondary

Wairarapa College and Wellington College are both tied on points on the top of the **P1** boys competition - however the superior goal difference gives Wairarapa College the 1st place spot. St Mathews, Wairarapa College and Marsden are all looking competitive at the top of the girls' table. While in **P2** competition Wellington College is leading the boys competition; there is no clear leader with Wellington Girls and Onslow Girls both at the top of the girls table, although St Mary's has a game to play with a win able to put them at the top. Two points separate the top 4 teams of the boys **P3** grade whereas there are 4 teams all undefeated and tied on 12 points in the girls grade. This will make for some very interesting

games in the 2nd part of the round! Queen Margaret take the top spot with their superior goal difference - +45!

St Bernards is 3 points ahead of Tawa in the boys **R1** grade with Queen Margaret again featuring at the top of a points table in the girls (tied with Mana College on points).

A couple of outstanding results in the **R2** grade may well impact on the current leaders; Onslow Boys and Naenae in the girls grade.

**R3** Boys sees Kuranui comfortably at the top of the table following their return to the Wellington Competition while Kapiti and Marsden a tied in 1st place in the girls R3 grade. Finally, the **R4** boys grade sees Aotea and Wellington College at the top of their grade - tied on 9 points.

Just briefly in the Primary Competition - the club to watch out for at the moment is Indians who have both boys and girls teams at top of the P2 table challenging for promotion to P1 (with a boys team already in P1).