



Wellington Hockey Association Newsletter 2

February 2009

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations go to the Wellington players who have been named in the Junior Blacksticks Men's World Cup Squad to play in Singapore in June:

- Blair Hilton (Indians)
- Alex Schroder (Indians)
- Stephen Jenness (Hutt)
- Alex Shaw (Hutt)
- Blair Tarrant (recently arrived in Wellington)

Due to funding cuts by SPARC for Hockey New Zealand, these players are being asked to self-fund the great proportion of their trip, therefore **any fundraising ideas or support you can give** for these players will be gratefully received.

Following regional trials held in Wellington and Auckland, the **New Zealand women's squad** for trials in May has just been named – Wellington Hockey are delighted to announce Anita Punt has made the squad for the first time, with Beth Jurgeleit and Sheree Horvath re-named. The full squad details can be found on the Hockey New Zealand website at <http://www.nzhockey.org.nz/news/>

The NZ Junior Women's team is yet to be named for the World Cup tournament in August.

Advisory Councils

Many of you may be aware following the appointment of a new Board in late 2008, a changed committee structure was implemented in the form of Advisory Councils. As noted in the revised WHA Rules:

- a) An **Open Grades Advisory Council**, in respect of matters relating to open inter-club hockey as directed by the CEO.*
- b) A **Youth Advisory Council**, in respect of matters relating to primary, intermediate and secondary school hockey as directed by the CEO.*
- c) An **Umpires Advisory Council**, in respect of matters relating to umpiring of hockey as directed by the CEO.*
- d) A **Masters Advisory Council**, in respect of matters relating to Masters hockey as directed by the CEO.*
- e) A **Coaching, Development and High Performance Advisory Council**, in respect of coaching and development activities, including representative teams and high performance training and conditioning as directed by the CEO.*
- f) A **Facilities Advisory Council**, to advise on and manage facilities owned or operated by the Association.*

We believe these Councils will have a wonderful opportunity to build on the excellent work done through the previous committee structure to continue to support and develop hockey in Wellington. Each council will have different needs in regard to meeting frequency and the number of members; particularly depending on the breadth of responsibilities and the varying demands of the season.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the work and decision making of Wellington Hockey therefore **if you have an interest in being involved in any of these councils**, or have any questions in relation to the above, please contact Anne-Margaret Campbell at the Wellington Hockey offices:

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Twilight Hockey Series

We have 11 teams playing on Monday nights in a newly introduced Twilight series for players from Years 4 - 7. 6-a-side, playing across the pitch and not being allowed to hit the ball, these teams have been showing great enthusiasm and ability! The competition will run again in summer 2009/10.

Dates for your Diary

Level 1 Coaching Course 20 and 21 March	Under 18 Boys	Tuesday, 10 March
Wellington Hockey Association AGM – 25 March 2009	Under 18 Girls	Wednesday, 11 March
Senior Competition Starts 28 March	Under 16 Boys	Sunday, 22 March
	Under 16 Girls	Monday, 23 March

Representative Trials coming up

Volunteers

Thank you so much to the following volunteers who have supported Wellington Hockey with their time over the past couple of months working at the Test matches and helping with the Uniform audit:

Sally Lancashire	Has Dullabh	Erin Muxlow	Chris Horwell	Oliver Wright
Claire Chandler	Sudesh Wasoori	Sharrie Nelson	Mitchel Carey	Olly Sadler
Carole Strain	Pravin Laloo	Dayle Jackson	Nick Miskimmin	Jamie Pollock
Liz Carey	Patsy Ranchod	Devendra Patel	Aqushai Lala	Tim Robertson
Leanne Killalea	Toni Hill	Oliver Wilson	Mitchel Smith	Dilip Lala
Ondine Souter	Anne Cole	Daniel Harris	Campbell Paton	Brent MisKimmin
Di Jordan	Selwyn Waititi	Stanley Adam	Finn Mahon	

*Of course there are a myriad of additional volunteers who contribute to our sport every week through supporting clubs and teams and offering umpiring services etc – we thank you **all** for your support!*

Test Series – New Zealand v India

The Test matches between New Zealand and India and the associated games were highly successful with over 3,000 attending over the 5 days. The Wellington Under 21 men looked strong on Sunday winning 8 - 1 over Central; losing narrowly 5 – 4 against the New Zealand Indian Team on Saturday. Other results from the weekend were:

New Zealand Indians v India	1 – 8
Test 1 New Zealand v India	1 – 1
Test 2 New Zealand v India	1 – 2
New Zealand Invitational XI v India	1 - 5

Photos from the weekend will go up on the website soon (some are already there for NZ Indians v India in the 'photo gallery').

Best wishes from us all at Wellington Hockey