



Wellington Hockey Association Newsletter 4

April 2009

Season underway

The 2009 season is well on its way with Wellington Hockey continuing to buck a national trend by seeing increased teams entered in primary, secondary and open grade competitions. We have 101 Open Grade teams (+6), 99 Secondary teams (+4) and 48 Primary teams (+2). Mini hockey competition entries are slightly down this year which is disappointing; however it has been agreed through the Youth Advisory Council we need to review all our mini and primary competitions to ensure they are meeting the needs of these players. Your input will be sought through the season as part of this review process.

Well done to all the clubs and schools for getting their teams up and running for the season and huge thanks must go to Paddy Frankenberg, Sandra Proctor, Dayle Jackson, Paul Tessier and Carole Strain for getting the opening round draws completed (not an easy task!).

Quick quiz

1. What percentage of WHA's total income is from Open Grade registration fees (team and player)?
 - A. 34%
 - B. 49%
 - C. 64%
 - D. 79%
2. Office Costs (phone, rent, photocopying, website, vehicle etc) account for what percentage of WHA's total expenditure?
 - A. 10%
 - B. 14%
 - C. 18%
 - D. 22%
3. The new Advisory Councils...
 - A. are exactly the same as the old committee structure, just a different title
 - B. meet for at least 3 hours every fortnight
 - C. don't have any influence on WHA practices
 - D. are going well and encourage input from the wider hockey community on how we can take things forward within WHA

Hopefully the answer to question 3 is fairly obvious, however if you want to learn the answers to these questions and ask a few more of your own (such as "where does our money go?") you will need to invite Anne-Margaret along to one of your club meetings. Please contact Anne-Margaret on 04 389 3337 or email annemargaret@wellingtonhockey.org.nz

Representative Under 21s

The Capital Under 21 Rep teams are off to National Tournament in Whangarei with the competition starting Saturday 2 May. The improvement in both teams during their build up has been excellent as has the quality of play. Our very best wishes go to players and management.

Be careful

There have been at least two cars broken into in the NHS car parks and a goalie bag had some items stolen from it. The bag was left on the seats outside under the veranda by NHS2- therefore please be careful with your gear during trainings and games. The thieves may be watching as you park your car to see if you put valuables under car seats or in glove boxes etc.

Youth Week (10-17 May) – get involved!

Join us in celebrating Youth Week which aims to highlight the amazing things young people do, with Hockey New Zealand using 'Magic Tricks' as the focus for their programme of activity. We are running a range of competitions including best video, best photo, a juggling competition and a colouring in competition for our younger players. Each competition is part of a national competition being run by Hockey New Zealand – with both regional and national prizes offered. Please go to

http://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz/page/youth_week.html for further information.



AGM

Thank you to all who contributed to the AGM on 25 March (and especially to Paddy in putting together the Annual Report). The minutes have now been circulated to clubs and the minor amendment made to the Local Competition Handbook has been added, with the handbook now available on the WHA website at http://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz/page/local_competitions.html

We welcome the return of Rosemary O'Brien as Patron, Richard Taylor as President and Dayle Jackson as Vice President of WHA. Annual Awards were also presented on the night with the winners being:

Team of the Year Male	-	Hutt
Team of the Year Female	-	Indians
Club of the Year	-	Victoria
Player of the year Male	-	Blair Hilton
Player of the year Female	-	Niniwa Roberts
Official of the Year	-	Devendra Patel
Coach of the Year	-	Krishan Singh (Indians P1 Women)
MVP	-	Karen Wallace

Congratulations to all those recipients.

Draft accounts were made available on the night of the AGM however final sign off by the auditors had not occurred at that time. The WHA accounts have now been fully audited. Please contact Anne-Margaret to receive a copy annemargaret@wellingtonhockey.org.nz

Website

We are starting to add further content to the WHA website and this process will continue through the season. Outcomes from the Advisory Councils will appear through the relevant pages as will information about Rep teams. Please get in touch with the office if there is information you would like to have made available through the site (and through this newsletter).

Holiday Programmes

Further holiday programmes were run this week (20 – 24 April) with over 110 players attending. Ages ranged from 5 – 15 and abilities varying from those completely new to hockey to our elite junior players. We also ran goal keeping clinics with two transformers also taking part! Feedback has once again been very positive and we sincerely thank Nin Roberts and the great team of coaches led by Chris Thomas, for their work. Further programmes will be run in July.



Elite Holiday Programme, April 2009 (Photographer Kevin Stent)

Intro to Umpiring

Following the two excellent Rules Nights (thanks to all those who attended and asked such good questions), a number of people have approached the Umpires Advisory Council to ask about some basic courses for people new to umpiring. Please do get in touch through the WHA office if you are interested in attending such a course (so we can get an idea of the level of interest). We will subsequently advertise courses through the website and also email notices to clubs and schools. We must also say thank you very much to Devendra Patel, Amanda Goad and Warren Devereaux for the running of the rules nights!

Reminder – there is an **umpires meeting** for all Wellington Hockey Association umpires on Wednesday 29 April, 6.30pm

Best wishes for the season - we have been enjoying the games so far!