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Wellington Hockey Association

Newsletter 9

Dayle Jackson - Hockey New Zealand Life Member

Our congratulations go to Dayle Jackson who was awarded Life Membership of Hockey New Zealand at the recent September AGM. Dayle was taken by complete surprise at the evening event as she was unaware she had even been nominated.

Her contribution to hockey in Wellington and New Zealand has been extraordinary from being a graded umpire and a member of the NZ Women's Umpires Association, to managing the women's Black Sticks

team and being a Hockey New Zealand Board member for 5 years. Dayle is currently coaching junior hockey in Lower Hutt and our Under 11b girls, in addition to being Deputy President of WHA.

Tony Le Petit's wonderful work with the Wellington Association was also rewarded in the same ceremony. Tony received a Gold Award (25+ years service) from Hockey New Zealand for his services to hockey.

Tony commenced his

umpiring career in 1962 and has been an umpires manager, technical director and judge for a range of tournaments since that time. Tony has served on a number of councils and continues to support young umpires in the Wellington region. Tony is still out there umpiring most weekends supporting hockey in Wellington.

The Association is very proud and appreciative of both these individuals' contributions to hockey. Their awards are well deserved!

Note from the Chief Executive

I have experienced a huge amount of pleasure over recent weeks through watching a wonderful array of hockey here in Wellington and at the NHL in Christchurch.

The Secondary Schools finals week was an excellent end to the season with not only some great hockey being played, but also seeing wonderful examples of sportsmanship on the field such as the runners up clapping the winning team as they came off the field. A range of emotions were on display with tears from some losing finalists to fantastic cheering from the sidelines - particularly on the Friday night with the P1 Boys final seeing some brilliant, good-natured rivalry happening in the stands between the Wellington College and

HIBS supporters.

Unfortunately I missed seeing the Primary finals due to heading down to watch the NHL - however thank you to the Kapiti Boys U13 team for providing us with a photo and some great feedback on the competition.

It was a great to observe the quality of the NHL competition this season, having been away from NZ for the last 8 years. The women's NHL team, despite a number of injuries, improved two places this year coming 5th (beating

Canterbury twice in the process) . The men's team played the most wonderful hockey throughout the week and I received a large number of compliments from other associations on their excellent *team* performance. The loss in the final was heartbreaking, however I couldn't have been more proud of all the players and the way they played their hockey.

The icing on the cake for the month was watching the Wellington Men's A team beat Canterbury in extra time to win the Senior

National tournament on Friday!

A thank you also goes to the Women's Senior A team for putting up with me as their manager last week!

Anne-Margaret



Dates for your diary:

- Open Grade Competition Review Meeting - Tuesday 27 October, 6.30pm (for all clubs)
- Youth Representative Prize Giving - 1 November, starts at 3pm, Samuel Marsden School
- Club nominations for WHA Board due 30 November (see page 3)
- Further events can be found online at [WHA Events Calendar](#)

Results 2009

Congratulations to all our teams, coaches, managers and supporters for their great efforts during the season. We are delighted to confirm the following team results for the season:

Open Grade winners

P1 Men	Indians
P1 Women	Eastern Hutt
P2 Men	Victoria
P2 Women	Eastern Hutt
P3 Men	Northern United
P3 Women	Victoria
R1 Men	Harbour City/Tawa
R1 Women	Kapiti
R2 Men	Indians
R2 Women	Indians
R3 Men	Northern United
R3 Women	Kapiti
R4 Men	Eastern Hutt

Secondary Competition winners

P1 Boys	HIBS
P1 Girls	St Matthews
P2 Boys	St Pats Stream
P2 Girls	Wellington Girls
P3 Boys	Aotea
P3 Girls	Hutt Valley High
P4 Boys	Paraparaumu 2
P4 Girls	Aotea
P5 Boys	Kapiti 2
P5 Girls	Naenae 2
P6 Boys	Heretaunga
P6 Girls	St Marys 2

Primary Competition Winners

P1 Boys	Kapiti
P1 Girls	Rangikura
P2 Boys	Harbour City 1
P2 Girls	Harbour City
P3 Boys	Hutt Blue

P3 Girls	Toa
P4 Girls	Karori
P5 Girls	Queen Margaret 2
Primary Mxd	Kelson
Dev 8-a-side	Queen Margaret

Representative programme results

NHL Men	2nd
NHL Women	5th
Senior Men	1st
Senior Women	6th
Under 21 Men	1st
Under 21 Women	5th
Under 18 Boys A	7th
Under 18 Boys B	5th
Under 18 Girls A	8th
Under 18 Girls B	5th
Under 16 Boys A	3rd
Under 16 Boys B	2nd
Under 16 Girls A	17th
Under 16 Girls B	11th
Under 13 Boys B	2nd
Under 13 Girls B	1st equal
Under 11 Boys A	2nd
Under 11 Boys B	1st
Under 11 Girls A	3rd
Under 11 Girls B	1st (in B Grade)

The Collier and Hatch teams are currently away at tournament - their results will be published on the website.

NB We only managed to get a few photos during the Secondary and Primary finals. Therefore any teams who have photos of their finalists (winners or runners up) please send to Anne-Margaret by email using annemargaret@wellingtonhockey.org.nz



Photo: 'Wellington Girls' following their win in the P2 final

Notices

Up and coming umpires

We have had 4 of our young umpires appointed to umpire the finals of the tournaments they recently attended. This is a wonderful reward for their efforts. Our congratulations go to Penny Thompson (U11 girls), Blair Scannell (U11b boys), Jack Wellington (U11a boys) and Sam McKee (U13b boys) .

Youth Representative Prize Giving

All Coaches, Managers, Players and Umpires associated with our 2009 Youth Representative Teams (Under 11 - Under 18) are invited to attend a prize giving on Sunday 1 November starting at 3pm at Samuel Marsden School Auditorium

We look forward to seeing you there.

Summer League

Just a reminder - 6-a-side Summer League gets underway at the end of the month. The Entry Form is available online under Local Competitions at [Summer League](#)

Entries close 16 October

SPARC Volunteer Coach of the Year

The Association nominated Grant Hunt (Under 21's) and Brent Miskimmin (Under 16's) for the SPARC Volunteer Coach of the Year awards held recently.

There were over 300 nominations from within the region with the winners coming from cycling , water polo and athletics.

Our thanks and congratulations go to both coaches for their wonderful contribution throughout the season.

Open Grade Review meeting

All Club Representatives are invited to attend a review of the 2009 Open Grade Competition. This meeting will inform changes for the 2010 season.

Tuesday, 27 October, 6.30pm, NHS

Player Profile - Kyle Pontifex

Kyle is a Wellington NHL and Black Sticks goal keeper with 85 caps for New Zealand. He will next be in action for the Black Sticks at the World Cup Qualifier in Invercargill next month.

What/who made you play hockey?

Was looking for a change after playing soccer for a few years

School teams played for?

Phil Burrows and I played at Newlands College

Club teams played for?

Northern United (Wellington), Western Districts (Auckland) and KHC Dragons (Antwerp)

First Rep team you played for and in which year?

Wellington u/15 in 1993 or 1994 - too long ago to remember...

What made you become a goalkeeper?

Skills from soccer made it an easy transition to keeping.

What makes a good coach for you as a player?

Hockey knowledge and the ability to communicate.

What is a typical week for you when you are not involved with the Blacksticks?

Seems I am always catching up on work at ANZ National Bank, catching up with loved ones and a

bit of cycling if I have any time spare.

Best experience when playing for Wellington?

Winning the Challenge Shield 4 times.



Photo supplied by Simon Watts, www.photosport.co.nz

Best experience when playing for the Blacksticks?

Attending Athens and Beijing Olympics

Which international team do you most enjoy competing against and why?

Would have to be the Aussies - they are a very good side and I usually get a good workout from them.

Advantages and disadvantages playing for overseas clubs?

Getting paid well to play hockey is fantastic and gives you a lot of time to chill out and relax, the level of

keeper coaching is much better than what we have here. The disadvantages are that you miss home and family and the winters in Europe are hard work.

Any pre-match superstitions?

I have a structured pre match plan that I use but it does not involve any superstitions.

What is it about you, that made you so successful with your hockey career?

The success I have reached so far in my career is due to a combination of hard work, commitment and support but most of all I enjoy playing hockey, I enjoy being involved in the teams I play in and when you enjoy what you are doing then it is much

easier to make the commitments needed to play sport at the top level.

Excluding hockey, what sport would you most like to be competing at an Olympics for and why?

Take your pick...

Hand Ball - goal keeping in hand ball is very similar to Hockey keeping.

Weight lifting - of the conditioning training I do this is the most enjoyable.

Cycling - this is what I do when ever I get a break from hockey.

WHA Board Representatives 2010

Derek Wilshere (Victoria) and Treena Fitness (Eastern Hutt) are the current club representatives on the WHA Board. The *Rules of Association* allow for these club roles to be voted on annually at the AGM (March 2010). Derek and Treena are both keen to continue in this role however **we invite nominations from all clubs for persons wishing to join the**

Board in 2010. Please use the linked [Nomination Form](#) (also available online under About Us/WHA Board.

Nominations close 30 November . The full list of nominees will be circulated to all clubs in mid December, to vote upon at the March AGM.

The *Rules of Association* also require the Board to rotate at least 2 members

each year. If Derek and Treena are returned as club reps, two of the existing Board will stand down in 2010 and the Appointments Panel will be required to replace these individuals. NB the *Rules* do allow for the existing members to be reappointed by the Appointments Panel.

[Rules of Association](#)



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Hockey New Zealand Update

Blair Hilton named as Black Stick

Blair Hilton's wonderful year in playing for the very successful Junior Black Sticks and his excellent performance throughout the NHL has seen him named in the latest Black Sticks squad. 18 of the squad will subsequently be named to compete at the World Cup Qualifying Tournament.

Matt L'Huillier's performance at NHL has also been recognised by seeing Matt added to the New Zealand Development Squad where he joins Stephen Jenness and Blair Tarrant.

Hockey New Zealand Academy teams

We are delighted to advise that Tae Samuel, Iain McPeake and Johan Gouws have been named in the New Zealand Junior Hockey Academy teams (formerly named as Tiger Turf). The full squads can be found on the HNZ website at [Junior Academy](#). They have a series against the Queensland Secondary Schools teams starting 7 October.

Hockey New Zealand AGM

Tim Brown, Anne-Margaret Campbell and Richard Taylor represented the



The winning Wellington Men's A team!

Association at the Hockey New Zealand AGM in September. There were two recommendations which will directly impact on our Association; HNZ are going to change their financial year to a calendar year; and the majority of Associations supported the recommendation for the Under 16 age group to return to Under 15. It is now up to the HNZ Board to agree if this change will occur. Dayle Jack-

son's election as a Life Member was unanimously approved by the attendees.

HNZ Press Clippings

HNZ have a press clipping service now with the cuttings from newspapers around the country regularly compiled. Go to the HNZ website 'News and Notices' to see the links to the clippings. [HNZ press clippings](#)