



Underwater Hockey New Zealand

Quarterly Newsletter – December 2006

Underwater Hockey NZ Committee

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Competitions Coordinator – *Vacant*

If you would like to fill any of the vacant positions please email Tristan chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz.

UWHNZ Goals for 2007

At the executive meeting held over the weekend of 4-5 November 2006 we agreed to align our goals with the mission of SPARC. SPARC's mission specifically is:

- to be the most active nation
- have the most effective sport and physical recreation systems
- have athletes and teams winning consistently in events of significance to New Zealanders

Specifically the Goal of UWHNZ Executive for 2007 is to increase our participation and membership by at least 20% to make the sport significant to New Zealanders, and continue our successful results.

To assist in achieving this it has become apparent that Clubs and Associations are requiring support from UWHNZ to develop capacity to cover for increased membership and participation as well as encouragement to adopt good administrative processes. This support includes both administrative support as well as physical resources.

To assist clubs to obtain the physical resources required, a form has been developed for requesting club resources. This form can be requested from chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz. Throughout the year, UWHNZ hopes to be able to supply some of the resources requested.

Support will be prioritised based on the displayed efforts of clubs and associations to increase their membership through Mini UWH/School/Adult Novice programmes as well as affiliation and participation in tournaments.

UWHNZ will also assist clubs administratively, and will provide assistance to all clubs to gain Incorporated Society status. For

more information on the administrative assistance available, contact chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz.

It is hoped that we can assist clubs to develop themselves and allow Underwater Hockey achieve some of our strategic goals.

Tristan Reynard
Chairman

Summer Student Administrator

Underwater Hockey New Zealand has appointed **Emma Rae** in this position to assist in the development of underwater hockey in New Zealand. Underwater hockey has a growing reputation as a successful minor sport in New Zealand, and this role has been created to assist the UWHNZ Executive to maintain the momentum generated over the past few years. All correspondence regarding this position should be directed to secretary@underwaterhockey.org.nz.

UWHNZ AGM

The 2006 AGM was scheduled to be held on Friday 7th July in August. However, a quorum was not reached, and **Liam Watson** and **Emma Rae** were co-opted onto the committee to fill the coaching and universities portfolios respectively.

The 2007 AGM is to be in Wellington on the evening of Friday 9th of March (during the Interzone Championships). Venue details will be sent to clubs once finalized.

Clubs should aim to send two delegates to this meeting. If you have items you would like to place on the agenda, or would like a nomination form, contact secretary@underwaterhockey.org.nz.

Club Contacts Form

The following clubs have not returned these forms:

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| • Figjam | • Bluefins |
| • Pakuranga | • Crocodylus |
| • Going Postal | • Nelson Sharks |
| • Rotorua | • Invercargill |
| • Pegasus | • Hawkes Bay |
| • Gisborne | |

These forms are necessary for UWHNZ to distribute important information to clubs, so please return these as soon as possible. Contact chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz for more information.

Sticks

UWHNZ has sourced funding for four sets of sticks for mini underwater hockey. 20 pairs of dorsal sticks will be distributed to the **Hamilton, Tauranga, Nelson** and **Dunedin** Underwater Hockey Clubs over the next month.

2006 World Championships

The 2006 World Championships were held from 13-26 August in Sheffield, England. The New Zealand Teams had outstanding success:

- The **Men's Team** showed their class to beat an experienced Netherlands team in the World Champs final and defend their world championship title. This was the first time any country other than Australia had defended the title since the World Champs began in 1980.
- The **Under 19 Boys'** Team managed to shut out a strong British team in the final of their division and retain the junior world championship title that the Team won two years ago.
- The **Under 19 Girls'** Team showed great courage to hang on against a resurgent British girls' team and win their final, retaining the world championship title they also won two years ago.
- The **Women's Team** finished in a creditable fifth place, beating traditional rivals South Africa in the play-off for fifth and sixth.

UWHNZ is very proud of the achievements of all Teams, and would like to congratulate all members of the New Zealand Squad on their results at these championships. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches, managers for their dedication and effort, and to thank all the Teams' supporters for their valuable contributions to these successes.

UWHNZ would like to acknowledge the following sponsors for their tremendous support of the Teams in their campaigns at the 2006 World Underwater Hockey Champs:

- St Laurence Group
- GHD
- Clariant
- Century Foundation
- Lion Foundation
- Benigo Foundation
- Unison Trust
- Pelorous Trust
- Quotable Value
- Silvester Clark
- CPL
- Southern Trust
- Pub Charity
- Scottwood Trust
- Bendigo Valley
- Southern Victorian Charitable Trust

SPARC Future Champions Awards

SPARC has announced the Future Champions awards for 2006, and Underwater Hockey received the following:

Future Champions Award

- **Rebecca Kusel** - Chilton Saint James School
- **Oliver Van Rooyen** - Wellington College

Highly Commended Award

- **Andreas Marwick** - Howick College
- **Dane Meek** - Kaikorai Valley College
- **Sarah Evans** - Nayland College

Finalist Award

- **Sara Chamberlin** - Diocesan School for girls

Congratulations to all winners, and to all nominees to the College Sport Awards.

2007 Southern Hemisphere Championships

The 2007 Southern Hemisphere Championships will be held in Christchurch, 15-21 April. It is hoped that the New Zealand Teams will be able to build on their recent successes at the World Championships, and the 2005 Southern Hemisphere Champs.

The following have been selected as coaches and managers for the New Zealand Teams:

Team	Coach	Manager
NZ Mens Team	Andrew Carr	John Cole
NZ Womens Team	Dolan McGinley	<i>Vacant</i>
NZ Mens Colts Team	Alex Whitney	<i>Vacant</i>
NZ Womens Colts Team	Ben Tilly	Karyn van Wijngaarden
NZ U18 Boys Team	Tibor Mackor	Jon Marwick
NZ U18 Girls Team	Tristan Reynard	Sonja Braddock
NZ Mens Masters Team	Terry Axford	<i>Vacant</i>

If you would like to fill any of the vacant positions, please contact Tristan Reynard – chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz. If you are able to provide assistance to the organising committee, or sponsorship for the tournament or New Zealand teams, please contact Zoe Firth – secretary@underwaterhockey.org.nz.

University underwater hockey

Just left school? Facing the prospect of your first year at university away from the world that is schools underwater hockey? Never fear, underwater hockey does continue on past a schools level, and club and uni tournaments are much more fun...

If you are heading off to uni, send your contact person an email to let them know who you are and that you're keen to play uni games, and they will keep you in the know! They will also be able to answer any questions you may have about university uwh, uni games, or club hockey (if you are moving to a new town):

Uni	Contact	Email
Auckland	Emma Rae	erae003@ec.auckland.ac.nz
AUT	Jen Marwick	beauty_of_bodom@hotmail.com
Massey Albany	TBC – at this stage just contact Emma Rae	
Waikato	Scott Edhouse	iscottwet@hotmail.com
Massey Palmy	Andrew Hansen	i_am_andrew_hansen@hotmail.com
Victoria	Cherie Anslow	cherie_anslow@yahoo.com
Massey Wellington	Hayden O'Toole	captain_frosty@xtra.co.nz
Canterbury	Jeremy Webster	jiw19@student.canterbury.ac.nz
Lincoln	Ian Soutar	soutari@lincoln.ac.nz
Otago	Jess Massey	miss_massey@hotmail.com

For general questions in relation to university underwater hockey, contact Emma Rae – erae003@ec.auckland.ac.nz.

Emma Rae
Universities Coordinator

2007 Tournament Calendar

Tournament	Date	Location	Comment
Interzone Championships	8-10 March	Wellington	Announcement of New Zealand Teams to compete in Southern Hemisphere Championships
New Zealand University Games	10-13 April	Christchurch	
Southern Hemisphere Championships	15-21 April	Christchurch	
North Island Club Champs	9-10 June	Rotorua	
South Island Club Champs	2-3 June	Christchurch	
Northern Schools Qualifying Tournament	9-10 June	Auckland	
Schools Qualifying Tournaments	15-17 June	Wellington Christchurch	
Schools Nationals	30 Aug – 2 Sept	Christchurch	
Club Nationals	13-15 Sept	Auckland	
U18 Interzone Championships	13-14 Oct	Wellington	Selection event for New Zealand U19 Squads for 2008 World Championships

2006 Membership Statistics

