

Hockey Wairarapa



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Dalefield Premier teams

Dalefield's premier Men's and Women's teams will be in action again next at Clarville on Saturday 16th of May. The girls at 1.30 and the boys at 3.00pm, both teams take on Hutt. Come down and support the only local teams in this competition and see how they go on their first game on the new turf.

The Dalefield Centenary celebrations were held on the 11th and 12th of this month and were well attended and enjoyed by all.

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TURF OPENING

The Wairarapa Sports Artificial Surface Trust and Hockey Wairarapa will be celebrating the opening of the new water based turf on Saturday the 9th May at 10.00am.

The ceremony will be followed by a game between Dalefield Women's Premier Team and St Matthews 1st XI which will begin at 11.00am.

Please come along and show your support for this fantastic new facility!

Have a go day

Hockey Wairarapa ran a have a go day on the first Sunday in April which received a good turn out. It was for people that have been given the job of coaching a junior team this year and haven't had much or any experience at coaching Hockey before. The coaches were shown and participated in some drills and modified games that are good for coaches of junior teams. They also discussed different coaching approaches, how to engage the players and how to structure practises to help the team reach its potential. Thank you to Paul Jordan and Sharon Gates for helping Hockey Wairarapa staff with the event.

The 2009 Outdoor Season

This year's outdoor season will kick off with both primary and senior games on Saturday 9th of May. 6 aside hockey will be played at Makoura, Hadlow and Featherston turfs, while 8 aside continues at MIS and Kuranui. Primary 11 aside will be played on Monday nights and Saturday mornings on the turfs at Clareville. **NO MORE GRASS HOCKEY!!** College hockey will begin week commencing Monday 11th May, as will Men's 2 and Women's 2 and 3 competitions. Draws will be up on the web site very soon. Please contact Kelly if you have any questions.



The turf just about to be laid and the new dugouts going up in the background



New Turf and Pavilion update

Hockey Wairarapa's brand spanking new water turf is very nearly finished and will be ready for the start of this year's competition. The lights are up, the fences are ready, the turf is being laid and work has begun on the dugouts too thanks to Metalcraft who donated all the iron, DAS Construction who donated materials and all the labour! Thanks to Carters who supplied timber at cost. The turf will be as good as any other in the country and will be great for the region, the playing surface is going to be green and the surrounds a rusty red colour in the tradition of the Wairarapa colours. A huge thanks goes out to Bruce Perry who has and is still working tirelessly on the new turf, it wouldn't have happened without his efforts.

The pavilion is now all go and work will start at the beginning of May. Thank you to all those people and businesses who have joined the Supporters Club and/or purchased a hoarding. It is vital that fundraising continues throughout the season to ensure that the building can be completed.

Regional

Development clinics

Well done to Ben Van Woerkom, Trent Lett, Libby Noema, Ashleigh Marfell and Felicity Reidy who represented Wairarapa with distinction at the first ever Regional Development Clinic in Palmerston North on the 14th and 15th of April. The clinic was invite only and gave the players the opportunity to learn the latest tactics and techniques and to be identified for higher honours.

Umpire development

This year there will be chances for local umpires to attain their junior badge (U-19) and level 1 umpiring certificates. Please register your interest with Jesse.



The English team set up for a penalty corner against Germany in the world cup at the Cream of the Crop coaching clinic.

Small Sticks Coaching Course

On the 24th of May 2009, Hockey Wairarapa will host and run two Small Sticks coaching courses.

The courses are designed by NZ Hockey and SPARC for coaches of junior Hockey and will give them the tools needed to coach Hockey at that level effectively. There are both practical and theoretical parts to the courses, which only take approximately 3 hours. There are already some registrations in and it would be great to have as many people as we can there to follow on from the great number of coaches that attended the level one coaching course earlier in the year.

For enquiries or to register please contact our Regional Development Officer Jesse Workman.

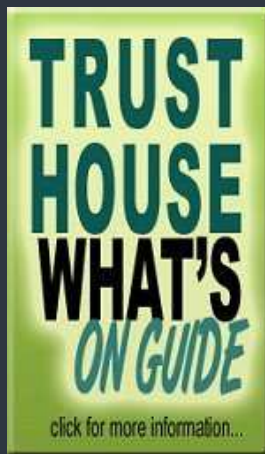
The cream of the crop Coaching Clinic.

The second annual Cream of the Crop Coaching Clinic was a hit despite poor weather. The clinic was for players that represented Wairarapa in 2008 in the under 11, 13 and 16 age groups and had a tactical and decision making focus. 55 players attended the event and impressed the coaching crew with their attitude and ability to listen to the concepts being taught and apply them in the game situations. Some of the drills and activities the players participated in were put together by the Blacksticks men's assistant coach Greg Nichol; they coped well with the activities. Group coach Jess Lucas stated that 'there was a lot of young talent there and it was great to see them so enthusiastic about their sport'.

In the afternoon on day 2 the Cream of the Crop world cup was played for and the Jess Lucas coached India beat Ben Van Woerkoms England in the final in strokes after it was one all at the end of full time. There were some brilliant goals scored in the tournament and the players put there newly acquired skills into good use. Wairarapa Hockey looks to be in good hands with these players and it was great to see such a good turnout. Award winners at the clinic were; Braden Smith, Alex Summenko – Bucknell, Zac Caldwell, Hannah Mignot, Henry Phelps, Emma Smith, Hannah Lang, and Hannah Candy these players either received an award for most outstanding player or 'most potential'.

On the Way

- **Rules Night on Wednesday 29th April at 6.30pm.** All welcome....players, coaches, umpires and anyone else interested in talking about the implementation of this season's new free hit rule.
- **The Goal Keepers extension session** will be at the end of May. Keep an eye out for the flyer within the next week
- **Hockey Wairarapa Holiday Programme:** In the next set of holidays, there will be another coaching clinic. The Hockey Wairarapa Holiday Programme will be similar to the one just run but will be open to any Hockey player under 16 years of age.
- **Coaching forums** will continue to be offered to coaches of all teams, please see the RDO'S Corner of the Hockey Wairarapa website for dates and times.
- Hockey Wairarapa are to run an **Umpires night hosted by international umpire Devendra Patel** who will talk to our umpires about how the game is changing and how umpires have to adjust to change with the times. He will also be talking about the new rules and how they are affecting our sport.
- **International Hockey Youth Week** is May 10-17 this year. Hockey Wairarapa will have colouring, best trick, and poster competitions for our youth. There will be great prizes up for grabs and the chance to feature on the NZ Hockey website and in their magazine.



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