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Annual General Meeting 2009

The Hockey Wairarapa AGM is on March 3, 2009. It is being held in the Tom Bubb lounge at the Clareville Turf at 7pm. It will be great to see as many people from the Hockey community there as possible. New Committee members are always welcome.

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Indoor update

Indoor Hockey is thriving in the Wairarapa! 49 senior teams and 38 junior teams have entered this year's competition. The Indoor season started with a hiss and a roar last Friday night when Dalefield Gold beat 'Go Hundy 5-2' in an exciting match. Jordan McGregor and Janeen Bruce stood out for the Dalefield team and they look as though they will be hard to beat. Indoor Hockey is a great build up for the outdoor season and hones the basic skills and decision making abilities of the players.

Representative trials

The dates and times have been set for this year's Wairarapa under 16 and 18 year age groups. They are as follows:

- **Under 16 girls:** 9-1pm, 8 March 2009
- **Under 16 boys:** 2-4 pm, 8 March 2009
- **Under 18 men:** 5-7pm, 9 March 2009
- **Under 18 Women:** 7-9pm, 9 March 2009

All players wanting to participate must fill out and return a nomination form to Hockey Wairarapa by the 3rd of March. Nomination forms have been sent to colleges and are also able to be downloaded from our website.

Level 1 coaching course

A New Zealand Hockey level one coaching course is currently being run in the Wairarapa. There are ten coaches from the Wairarapa participating in the course and one from Manawatu. The group completed the passing and receiving and the goalkeeping sections of the course on Sunday and will be testing their theoretical knowledge this Friday when they undertake the 'systems and formations' and 'NZHF playing policy' components of the course. It is great to see so many coaches participating and is a promising sign for Hockey in the Wairarapa.



Blacksticks player and summer clinic coach Caryn paewai watches on as her group practices their flat stick tackling technique on the second day of the clinic run at the end of January.



New turf and pavilion update

The Trust House Hockey Wairarapa Turf is half finished and it will be up and ready before the start of the season! All involved have been working around the clock to make sure the turf developments are on schedule and are doing a great job. The state of the art turf will be less abrasive and easier on the joints of players it will hopefully entice some players that have been out of the game for a while to come out of 'retirement'. Fund raising projects for the pavilion are under way and the Supporters Club and hoardings are still rolling along but we need the hockey community to get in behind the new pavilion and help to make it a reality. The pavilion will be the ideal spot to watch hockey, it is going to be comfortable, striking and practical, and will provide an enjoyable environment for post game socializing.

Blacksticks update

The Blacksticks men's team will be playing against India in Wellington this Saturday and Sunday at 2.30pm. It is a great opportunity to see how Hockey is played at the highest level and be entertained by some of the world's best players. Wairarapa's own Dane Lett, Shane Hodgkiss and Yeo brothers Tobin and Rowan will be playing in the curtain raiser on Sunday. It would be good to see lots of Wairarapa Hockey supporters there supporting the boys and watching our national team.

The Blacksticks men have just returned from India where they finished 3rd in the Punjab Gold Cup. They beat Olympic and world champions Germany 3-2 in the bronze medal match in front of 40,000 fans. Wellington's Joel Baker scored the winning goal for the Blacksticks with one minute left after he beat three German defenders and slotted the ball home. Outstanding players throughout the tournament for New Zealand were goalkeeper Kyle Pontifex, and Strikers Phil Burrows and Nick Wilson.



Several talented young Wairarapa players contesting the ball during one of the sessions at the Scorching Summer Clinic

A successful 'Scorching Summer Clinic'

The Inaugural Scorching Summer Clinic went very well and was enjoyed by all. Coaches; Carwyn Paewai, Niniwa Roberts, Dane Lett, and Bridget Blackwood did an impressive job coaching over 100 willing youngsters.

Everyone learned new skills and got the chance to improve upon their basic skill techniques and use them in game situations. A special thanks goes out to the Express Lunch Bar for sponsoring the event and to Ben Van Woerkom for assisting the coaches.

There are photos from the clinic on the Hockey Wairarapa website and two of the images are on the New Zealand Hockey website, nzhockey.org.nz. Visit the websites to see yourself or someone you know in action.

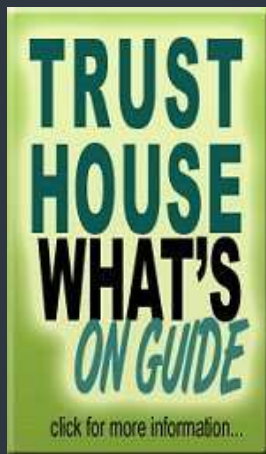
The players learnt ball carrying, defending techniques, goal scoring, penalty corner skills, pushing and receiving, aerial skills, hitting and sweeping and reverse edge hitting and got to use them in various games and game like situations. If you want to view the clinic programme or want, any of the drills or games that were used throughout the clinic, please contact Jesse Workman.

Orin Lockyer did a great job working with the goalkeepers and they thoroughly enjoyed learning from a man of his knowledge and skill

For those that missed out or were away on holiday there will be another clinic held in the first set of school holidays, it will be slightly differently structured and all participants will receive an official t-shirt.

Upcoming Events

- The **Small Sticks coaching courses** are to be run on 22 March. These courses are designed to give coaches of 6,8, and 11 aside junior hockey teams the tools they need for a successful year. To register or for enquiries please email chicano1310@hotmail.com.
- The first **coaching forum** is going to be held on the 25th of February at 6.30pm. The forum is open to all coaches and is a great opportunity to get some new ideas and talk to other coaches before the start of the season. The new rules and how they will affect the game will be one of the topics being discussed.
- Kelt Capital is running a '**road show**', which will include a stop here in the Wairarapa. Several Blacksticks players will be part of the road show and it will be a great showcase for Hockey. Watch this space for more information regarding the road show.
- There will be a **Goalkeepers clinic** run in March. The clinic will be open and will be valuable for anyone that is thinking about 'padding up' this year. Please register your interest with Jesse Workman on 027 425 8784 or at chicano1310@hotmail.com.



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