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National U-15 Tournament

Most of you may be aware that Wairarapa are hosting the national U-15 boy's tournament this year from the 12th-17th of July. It is going to be a magnificent tournament with the best players from around the country converging on the region for what is always a good quality and well supported tournament.

The Wairarapa team has high hopes of breaking into the top 8 and has been picked by some to be top 4 contenders, good luck boys we wish you all the best!

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Coaching Forums/ Courses

Hockey Wairarapa have organised and implemented 9 coaching courses and forums already this year most of which have been well attended. It is great to see so many of our coaches keen to develop and learn, it can only be good for the quality of Hockey in the region. There will be more courses and forums for coaches after the July Holidays, watch this space for more and check the website for dates and times.

A big thank you to Doug Bracewell for helping with the last round of coaching forums, we hope to get other specialist coaches in to share their experience in the future too.

Rep Teams Named

All the junior representative teams have been named now after trials over the last few weeks. The under 11 'A' and development boy's and girl's teams all look very strong and it is great to see so many high quality young players coming through. We are also lucky enough to have 2 very strong U-13 girls' teams who should do well in all their fixtures. The U-13 boy's teams are in a development year; both have very young sides and will pick up valuable representative experience this year.

All teams are on the website.

College Hockey.....

In one of the biggest upsets in recent memory, Rathkeale College downed the 7th ranked team in New Zealand, Wairarapa College 1-0 in the last game of the first round in the Wellington premiere college competition. George Faloon, Jono Sloan and goal keeper Sebastian Koxk were all stand out performers for Rathkeale.

In the girls Competition the Wairarapa teams finished first and second after round one, the toughest game they played was when they played each other with St Mathews prevailing 2-0, some believe it was the superior coaching of Abby Hill over fiancé Willie Schaefer that secured the win.



The 2009 U-11 girls' team that won the lower north island tournament. This year's side has all the makings of being just as successful.

Pavilion Opening

Saturday 26th June will see the opening of the new pavilion at the Clareville complex. The opening ceremony will take place at 1.15pm with local competition games starting at 2.00pm.

It is hoped that all involved with the construction of the building and also local councillors and representatives from the various trusts that have contributed to the project will attend the opening.

The last few days have been spent putting the finishing touches to what has been a fantastic effort by all those involved!

Hockey Wairarapa Holiday Programme

Will run on the 6th and 7th of July we have had lots of interest and a lot of new faces register this time which is great news. Former Wairarapa age group stars and Wellington U-21 stars Thomas Annear, Amanda Pottinger, Charlotte Meo and Canterbury resident Megan Parker these coaches will be sure to pass on their skills and knowledge enthusiastically. Late registrations will be considered, please call Jesse Workman.

Black Sticks

Both the Blacksticks men's and Women's teams are going to be very busy for the second half of the year. Both teams are competing in the Commonwealth games and Champions trophies and the men's team are also competing in a 4 nations tournament in England and the Women's the World Cup. A lot of these games are being broadcast on sky TV so keep an eye out and make sure to watch our countries finest.



The Hockey Wairarapa Holiday Programme group from 2009, there are even more registered this year!

Saturday 26th June 2010.....

Hockey Wairarapa President Lindsay Annear spoke briefly on Saturday thanking individuals for their tireless efforts over the course of the last 6 months. Wind and rain didn't put off the many people who attended the opening and rave reviews were received from the many who until today hadn't seen inside the building! Ex New Zealand international Kevin Percy cut the ribbon, and players past and present enjoyed afternoon tea and drinks while watching local games from the decks on either side of the pavilion!! A great day for Wairarapa Hockey!!

Local Action

In the **intermediate 'A' grade**, Dalefield and Country schools are the leading contenders, both teams have a large contingent of rep players and both are unbeaten so far. The very young Hadlow side are the biggest improvers and look like they will be the top dogs next year!

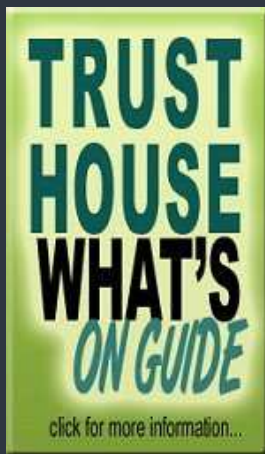
The **men's one** competition Harlequins and Featherston are leading the way while Dalefield Dodgers are bringing up the rear. Harlequins have a good mixture of old heads and young legs and with inside right Marcus Lee and centre Half Terry Waitere playing exceptional Hockey they will be hard to bowl.

Even though the Dalefield **women's one** team were beaten 3-1 a couple of weeks ago they still head the table, they are closely followed by the ever improving Red star and Featherston teams. East Coast round out the top four and will be hoping to pick up a few more wins in the next few weeks so they avoid playing Dalefield in the semi finals.

The big improvers of the year are the Featherston Foxies of the Women's 3 competition, after years of not winning a game they have done just that and are even still in contention for the semi finals!

Upcoming Events

- Hockey Wairarapa Holiday Programme – July 6 and 7
- National U-15 boy's tournament – July 12-17
- Coaching Courses and extension modules
- Coaching Forums
- Dalefield Premier Men's vs. Varsity at Clareville – July 3
- Women's Champions Trophy (all games on sky sport) – 10-18 July



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