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Umpires night

26 budding umpires turned up to the Hockey Wairarapa umpires night on Tuesday the 19th of May. It was great to see so many people interested in umpiring. They were told they could work towards umpire's qualifications this year and are being rostered onto different grades.

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Goalkeeper's clinics

There has been a magnificent response to the upcoming Goalkeepers clinic. The organisers and head coach were expecting to get around 10-15 keepers there purely because that is how many attended the first one earlier in the year. However, 26 goalkeepers have registered meaning there is now two separate clinics. One on the 28th of May and the second on the 3rd of June. The keepers that attended the first one will be working on more advanced goalkeeping skills and the new keepers will be taught the correct techniques of the fundamentals of goalkeeping.

Representative trials

The dates and times have been set for this year's Wairarapa under 13 and 11-year age groups. They are as follows:

- **Under 11 girls:** 30.05.2009: 8-10am
- **Under 13 girls:** 30.05. 2009: 10am-3pm.
- **Under 11 boys:** 29.05. 2009: 4-6pm.
- **Under 13 boys:** 5.6.2009: 4-6pm.

All players wanting to participate must fill out and return a nomination form to Hockey Wairarapa or email it to chicano1310@hotmail.com. Nomination forms have been sent to schools and are able to be downloaded from our website.

Small Sticks coaching course

Part 1 of the coaching course was run on Sunday the 24th and was positively received by the participants. The session included a short theory section where the coaches got to discuss any problems they have been having. Followed by a practical session in which the coaches were shown the correct techniques for the basic Hockey skills they discussed how to include coaching techniques into their practise plans. Each individual then had to design a game or drill around one of the skills and then coach it using the rest of the group as their players. The second part will be in 2 weeks time and it is going to be a theory session run by Sport Wairarapa's Doug Bracewell.



The winners of the youth week skills and tricks competition, as you can see the competition meant a lot to them – especially the overjoyed boy on the right.



Turf and pavilion update

Unfortunately there hasn't been too much progress on the new turf. The workers need 3 fine days and the project will be finished, however getting those 3 fine days is proving difficult. There will be some disruption to the draw until the second turf is completed so we ask players, coaches and supporters to bear with us until we have both turfs up and running. Work on the pavilion foundation has started and is beginning to look good; there is now a pavilion supporter's club plaque on the fence of the main entrance after you pass Barry's Hotdog van. This plaque shows everyone that has donated to the supporters club; it would be great to fill it with names!

U-21 Tournament

The Capital men's team, of which Wairarapa are a part of has won the annual national under 21 tournament in Whangarei this year. **Rowan Yeo** and **Shane Hodgkiss** made up the Wairarapa contingent of the Capital team and did well by all accounts. Coach Grant Hunt said that 'people couldn't handle Yeo's unique dribbling style and that he was a role model for the younger players and played well all week'. Yeo himself said that 'experience from past years came through and being that it was my last year I made sure I performed. Yeo scored 6 goals at the tournament and will surely have a great chance of representing Capital in the National Hockey League this year. Hodgkiss was one of the youngest players there and played well when called upon, he would have got a lot from being part of the team. Well done guys!

The women finished 5th and one of their star players was Wairarapa's very own **Tara Hall** who has been included in the Wellington section of the talent identification development group which will be run by Blacksticks stalwart Gareth Brooks. The group will be training intensely over the next few months and will be working towards making the Junior Blacksticks team, the Capital NHL team and eventually the senior Blacksticks team.



A class from Wainuioru School. This group was one of many that got right into youth week, some of the students picked up tricks that even Ben Van Woerkom would be proud of.

International Hockey Youth Week

The 10th until the 17th of May was International Hockey Youth Week. Hockey Wairarapa ran a host of different activities, and the Hockey community got in behind it. Thanks to all those children who completed the colouring in competition and/ or made a poster. Photos from youth week are on waihockey.org.nz and some of them are also on nzhockey.org.nz. The winners of the skills and trick competitions held on Wednesday the 13th were Mathew Furkert and Millie from Hadlow.

Local Action

The St Mathews 2nd 11 has been causing a stir in the Women's 2 division, they have won all three of their games thus far and look as though they will be very hard to beat. Coach Sharon Gates states that they have been successful because 'they are a strong committed team who work well together. They are well lead by Captain Kate Shannon and Vice Captain Sara Renall and all of the team participate fully and give their all when playing'.

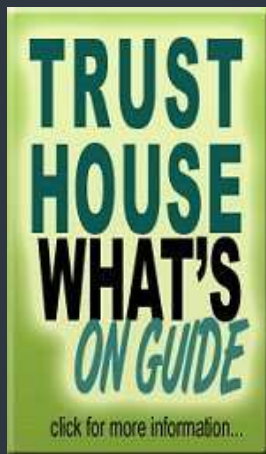
In Men's 1, reigning champions 'The Workshop' are unbeaten and Harlequins are also looking very strong. With a good mixture of very skilful players such as Marcus Lee and Terry Waitere and experienced players like Andy Wilson, Jeremy Davidson and Paul Wright it is no wonder they have recorded some good results.

The M.I.S teams in the intermediate 'a' grade are also playing well, stacked with representative players it looks as though the other teams are going to have to play extra well to knock these teams off their perch.

Meanwhile the Wairarapa based teams are competing admirably in the Wellington boys and girls college competitions too. Wairarapa College and Rathleale are sitting 4th and 7th respectively in the boy's competition and St Mathews and Wairarapa College are 2nd and 3rd in the girl's competition. Try and get down to Clareville on a Friday night to watch some of these games, there is often an electric atmosphere and some very good, open Hockey being played.

Upcoming Events

- **Hockey Wairarapa Holiday Programme:** There is going to be another coaching clinic in the next holidays, this one will be open to any 6, 8 or 11 aside junior player. The players will be split into ability groups and will be given expert coaching and ...
- Wairarapa are hosting a **regional U-16 boys tournament** on the 6th and 7th of June. It will be a great chance to come along and view some good quality Hockey, see some of New Zealand's brightest young stars and to support a Wairarapa team.
- The second turf and pavilion will be ready
- Hockey Wairarapa are running a Junior Badge, a local badge and a level one certificate in umpiring.
- Coaching forum: there will be a guest speaker at the next coaching forum, it will be a great opportunity for coaches of all levels to come along and listen and learn from a highly respected coach.



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