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Holiday Message

On behalf of the NZIHA Executive Committee, we wish you all a great Christmas and New Year. 2007 has been a busy year for the association and all its members, we hope you enjoy your summer holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back on your skates next season.

2008 will see Oceania being hosted in New Zealand in Palmerston North in April with the first game on April 19 following the opening ceremony. MIHA are working behind the scenes with the NZIHA to ensure this international event will showcase our sport and be a great success.

Planning for the 2008 season will begin early in the new year with club information packs being distributed to all club contacts. If clubs are aware of changes to their committees now or in the near future it is important that these changes are notified so there is no delay in information being delivered.

Diane Thomsen, President NZIHA since 1999 has advised she will not be standing for a further term in 2008.

If you are planning a club event and want to request sanctioning, please advise urgently so events can be included on the annual calendar.

Committee News in Brief

The NZIHA sub-committees have supplied the following round-up reports for your information

NORTHERN

Its been a positive year for the Northern Region with a few outstanding developments of note, the opening of the KeriKeri facility and the almost instant restoration of the sport to its former Glory up there. The Facility is fantastic and while its work in progress its going to be a Major influence on the sport for northern over the next few years

Another bright spot is The Mt Wellington Panthers Skateland facility while not wanting to discredit the work of the previous custodians the New Management team have made this a clean and welcoming environment and the Panthers are steaming ahead.

All the other clubs are in positive growth territory and it all looks good for 2008

We have seen lots of new Referees take to the floor and the overall standard continues to

grow, there has been a marked improvement in Player discipline even though the contest is getting more physical

Some areas that needs work: coaching both finding, training, retaining and many parents are valiantly trying to fill this role with various degrees of capability it concerns me that the influence we have on young minds needs to be thought through a bit more and monitored by club executives.

Getting energy and enthusiasm into administration is another area where we have a need, as for the few that do the work there is no praise and lots of expectation.

Interregional saw Northern finish 3rd and while that is a concern its worth noting how close the competition was in Nelson with only a few points separating the top three regions we should take heart in our achievements especially as this time we had the furthest to travel! Nelson was fantastic and our family enjoyed the whole experience

Overall we have had a promising 2007 season and are in good shape for 2008

Regards
Simeon Hill NR CHAIR

LOWER

All in all 2007 was a great year for the region, ending on a high note with winning the Interregional trophy down in Nelson. We look forward to hosting the Inter Regionals, Labour weekend 2008

The number of teams competing is about the same and our results at Nationals were pleasing. Unfortunately we had a couple of teams pull out during the season.

This year apart from three major incidents off the rink we have less disciplinary issues. I will be suggesting that the region look at what we can do as a region and as clubs within the region to minimise and/or stop such incidents. Off rink incidents in public venues do not promote the sport in a positive manner, especially when the individuals are clearly involved with inline hockey.

Regards
Sur Roulston LNR CHAIR

CENTRAL

The Central Region had 38 teams entered in the 2007 league season representing 5 clubs. Unfortunately the Whakatane Avalanche club were unable to field a team this season, but are actively working to grow the club and hope to enter again next year. It was pleasing to see that 3 teams were entered in the Under 10 grade, one from Hamilton and two from New Plymouth. The Under 10's quickly became the darlings of the season, and attracted spectators.

The region also had good representation at trials for Oceania teams and a number of players were successful in gaining places on New Zealand teams. Although the region still struggles to work together effectively, it is pleasing to see that the regional representative teams worked together so well and achieved such pleasing results. My personal thanks to all those who worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that games ran smoothly, particularly our sub-committees, referees, scorekeepers and timekeepers, coaches, managers, officials and rink volunteers. Thanks also to our parents and caregivers who cart kids around the country and support them so well. Lastly I would like to thanks Diane Thomsen for her continued support, and our NZIHA representatives – Kryss Beardman, Rhys Oldham and Phil Smith.

Regards
Julie Sanderson – CENTRAL CHAIR

SOUTHERN

The season began for our teams with travelling to the Lower North Region for some hockey. We thank Lower for their hospitality and their assistance in keeping the Southern Region going. The lack of a rink in Christchurch hinders our regions growth and we all hope a facility is found soon.

Our teams competed well at Nationals with being placed 6th or better in U10s, U12s, U14s, U18s, Open and Senior Women.

The highlight of our year was hosting Inter Regionals for the first time ever in our region. The tournament was great and the feedback has been really positive. Thank you to all who made that event successful.

Merry Christmas everyone and best wishes for the New Year.
Alethea Stove SR CHAIR

REFEREE

As the 2007 season comes to a close, thanks goes out to all referees who have given their time and officiated through the year in the many league games, tournaments, at National Championships and Interregionals.

It is also good to see the number of new referees coming through. I hope to see more of them on the rink in the 2008 season.

A big thanks also goes to Allan Christie for all the work he has put in over the years.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season
Derek McLean
Chief Referee

COACHING

The coaching committee this year has relooked at better ways of putting the game across to coaches.

We as a committee have found it quite hard this year with planed course that never got support from there regions. We have identified areas that need to be look at and actioned to improve the sport we play, coach, support and in joy. One priority is to revamp the Level 1 Coach Manual into smaller sections and develop a Level 2 Coach Manual and increase the number of regional seminars for coaches.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for the work they have done and wish you all a safe and merry Xmas.

Regards
Willy Harvey Coach Chair

National Championship Events 2007


National and Inter Regional were successfully staged this year at "first-time" venues for these events. The 2-rink scenario in Mount Maunganui and the Tahunanui rinks provided facilities enjoyed by most participants and the valuable assistance of the club and regional volunteers is gratefully acknowledged. Thank you.

OCEANIA TEAMS

Trials have taken place and all teams are listed on the NZIHA website. All trialists should now have their letters. I apologise to the second weekend trialists for the glitch in the letters that went out. The date on some letters showed Dec 2 when in fact it should have read Dec 10th, 2007.

Training camp information has been emailed out to as many players as possible and is also now loaded to the website.

NZIHA Website



Thanks to Doug Elder (NZIHA Vice President) for keeping the NZIHA website up to date and providing valuable information to our members.

The www.nziha.com website continues to be a great source of information for members. Check it out!