New Plymouth Ravens Under 12 team winners of the gold medal at 2004 NZ National Championships coached by Sue Darney standing to the right of the team.
FROM THE EDITOR...

The year seems to have come and gone in a rush with a full calendar of events for our players. The New Zealand Inline Hockey Association hosted the Oceania Championships in April, in New Plymouth with resounding success and the welcome return of “our” Tasman Trophy was a well deserved reward.

The regional leagues continued over the next few months building up to New Zealand National Championships held in September. With a change in format for the Open grade teams many positive comments were received concerning the number of games our senior men were able to play. Many hours of work were put in by on floor and off floor officials and our association are very grateful for these very willing people to volunteer their time to ensure our major events run smoothly and are enjoyed by both competitors and spectators.

Inter Regional Championships were hosted by Lower North Region (once again) in Palmerston North and the Lower North Region retained their “grip” on the Regional Trophy. The other regions are getting ever closer to prying this coveted trophy from their grasp, we will have to wait and see if this will happen in 2005.

In addition to the NZ based events we also organised three teams to travel to international championships, our Senior Women attended the FIRS Women’s Inline Hockey Championships, Junior Women represented New Zealand at the World Inline Cup (both events held in Canada). The Senior Men represented New Zealand in Germany at the IIHF World Championships.

With three teams travelling internationally virtually within days of each other a great deal of time was needed to ensure that all the necessary requirements were covered before departure. The costs involved in sending teams to the northern hemisphere are huge and sending three teams at once brought home some very real obstacles. Funding is always difficult to find and as an association we can get no guarantees that funding will be available. Players need to be aware that funding will continue to be a problem, especially with the new legislation coming into affect in December 2004. Advice has been received from one of the major funding organisations that cuts are expected of up to 20% on their available funds in 2005. Applying for funding in an Olympic year also appeared to have an affect on our applications. We encourage clubs to assist their representative players where possible. Applications need to be professional and concise to provide the funders with accurate information to base their decisions.

On behalf of the NZIHA, we wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year. We look forward to your participation in our 10th year is organised to coincide with National Championships in September.

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Alethea Stove (pictured) is new to the NZIHA Executive Committee, she is also a member of the NZIHA Player’s Committee, a member of Nelson Whalers and plays for the Whalers Women team. Alethea runs a development programme in Nelson for younger players.

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Today's Hit Music
The NZIHA Coaching Committee has been working hard behind the scenes reviewing information contained in the first edition of the Coach Level 1 manual. The revised edition went to print in June and Coach Clinics have been held around the country in the latter part of the season, with the most recent being held in Wanganui during the first weekend of December. It is hoped to have courses scheduled for the beginning of the 2005 season in all regions. If you are interested in attending please advise your regional committee secretary, your club exec or email me ( wharvey@olex.co.nz). On behalf of the committee, I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas & New Year and we look forward to bringing you more courses in the new year. Willy Harvey

Stephen Washer (Canterbury Tigers) going for the puck, with James Laursen (Levin Jackals) getting in his way!

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Jason Toovey, (Blackhawks Open) bronze medal winners in Open Div 1, National Championships 2004

Nick Grinter, new cap in the Rangers Open team, 4th place Open Div 1 Grade.
Battle of Wills
William Langslow (Ravens) and William Mitchell (Redbacks) - U14 grade National Championships in September 2004

John Thomsen (foreground) and Shane Clark (behind) members of the Snipers Open team from Christchurch. Snipers won the Open Div 1 grade at National Championships in New Plymouth, September 2004.

Julian Beardman, captain of the Ravens U12 team after scoring against Waihi Miners U12 at Nationals Championships with Luther Brown (Ravens) behind and Hewitt Liddington (Miners) in the foreground.

Referee Comment...

The NZIHA referees committee congratulates the following referees on their recent promotion to level 2; Dally LeComte (Southern) and Andrew Thompson (LNI).

In the past couple of seasons we have seen a considerable number of younger players qualifying as Level 1 referees. While this is good for our long term future and the current officiating of our junior grades what we need is for more of our senior players, coaches and/or parents to become actively involved with the officiating of our grades U20 through to the premiers.

Our sport needs the services of more referees in each of the four regions.

To become a referee you need to attend a 1 day course and sit a multiple choice written exam. If you would like to assist your sport in a manner different from coaching or managing a team then why not become a referee.

For further information contact Allan Christie on either 09-4737384 or 0274-835453 or email allanchristie@slingshot.co.nz

The NZIHA referees committee extends to all a very merry xmas, a happy new year and looks forward to seeing you all again in 2005.

Allan Christie
NZIHA Chief Referee

Our sport needs more referees… try it you may like it.
New Zealand National Championship Results

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Christchurch Snipers win National Premier Title

Christchurch Snipers went through their 8 games at the National Champs undefeated and treated the crowds to top class displays of inline hockey on their way to the National Open Division 1 (Premier) title. The Snipers featured a number of players who have represented NZ at World Champs level and also included outstanding U18 players, Sam Petrie and Ryan Ruddle, and promising goalies Matt Sandford and Oliver Roberts. In the final Snipers defeated Auckland Storm 7 – 3.

The Senior Women’s National title was taken out by Mt Wellington Panthers with a comprehensive victory in the final over Levin Jackals 5 – 0. The Panthers side, a mix of experience and youth, ended the tournament in fine style.

The Open Division 2 final saw Capital Penguins continuing their great tournament form by winning convincingly against Auckland Sabres 5 – 1. In the U20 grade the final was a Lower North Island affair with Levin Jackals getting past Rimutaka Renegades 6 – 4. A great effort from Renegades in their first ever Nationals tournament.

New Plymouth Ravens and Levin Canucks met in a close encounter in the U16 final with the Ravens coming up with the victory 4 – 3, and Ravens again triumphed in the U14 grade with Ravens winning the final against Canterbury Redbacks 5 – 3.

The dominance of Ravens in the junior grades was evidenced by U12, U14 and U16 titles all going to the New Plymouth teams. In the U12 grade Ravens and Auckland Fury drew 3 – 3 in the final game of the round robin. Waihi Miners had beaten Fury earlier in the round so the final results for U12 were 1st Ravens, 2nd Miners, 3rd Fury. This grade produced some of the tournament’s most exciting finishes and had the New Plymouth rink rocking with crowd support.
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**Dion Bunt (#91)** Captain of the Open Div 1 Gold Medal winning Snipers Open team skates around **Mark Roulston (#5)** from Penguins Open. Penguins Open Team were placed first in Open Div 2 at NZ Nationals 2004.

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**Attention All Players**

NZIHA Executive Committee has formed a Players’ Committee consisting of seven players from the four regions.

The object of the Players’ Committee is to represent the players, to provide a voice between the players and the Association and to ensure the players enjoy the sport.

The members are:-
- Craig Young (North) – Chairman
- Kyle Matthews (South) – Secretary
- Rhys Oldham (Central)
- Ashley Goodwin (Central)
- Alan Wood (Lower North)
- Andrew McLaughlin (Lower North)
- Alan Peddie (North)

Some of the topics discussed at their last meeting included Nationals, Inter-regional, Regionals, player conduct, and promoting the sport.

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**Lower North Under 12 team, Gold medal winners of the 2004 NZ Inter Regional Championships, held in Palmerston North in October.**

**Has your club viewed the training DVD’s yet? Contact NZIHA to loan...**
Believe it or Not!
The origin of the hockey puck has been traced back to 1872. Prior to 1872 pucks were fashioned out of knots of wood, small carved stones or even frozen cow dung. But in 1872 the rubber puck was invented. Ever since then the hockey puck has been subjected to horrendous abuse and torture. Check out this website: www.adoptapuck.com

Rory McLennan, pictured (right) in action defending his goal. He is a member of the Levin Canucks U16 teams who placed second at NZ National Championships in the final against New Plymouth Ravens.

Stan Greene (below) a member of the Canterbury Tigers Open team and “new cap” in the NZ Masters Oceania 2005 team. Stan is based in Christchurch.

(Right) Justin Fuller, Captain of the Canterbury Redbacks Under 12 team, NZ National Championships 2004.

Is your club address and contact current with the Companies Office? The Companies Office are currently updating their process for submitting annual documents, ensure your contact details are current now to receive the information.
Left Marianne Lynch, Panthers Women team and a member of the World Championships and Oceania 2004 Women’s team-winners of the Women’s Grade at New Zealand Inline Hockey Championships 2004. Final was played against Levin Jackals.

Sam Kay (#44) and Lawton Williams (#72)-members of the Levin Jackals U20 team who placed first in the U20 final against Renegades. Photo (right) from pool play game vs Canterbury Tigers (Tom Burge #00 shown).

Waihi Miners Under 12 player Chad Dean-Rua (#20) pictured. Chad is one of the stand-out players in the Waihi Miners U12 team with a keen shot on goal. Miners finished second at NZ National Championships.

Oceania 2005 Teams

JUNIOR WOMEN

Coach: Daniel Christie
Claire Aiello
Helen Murray
Danielle Maunder
Haley Bates
Ashley Cunningham
Aimee Neho
Leah Vidak
Sierra Belle Stretton
Amanda Hobbs
Kimberly McCormick
Jamie Maunder
Michelle Webb
Jessica Scott
Kendra Manning
Ngahina Wharehoka

SENIOR WOMEN

Coach: Jeff Burns
Emmeline Croft
Shani Forsyth
Bridie Gibbings
Shelley Grace
Jill Griffin
Nikki Maraki
Camille Murray
Stacey Pine
Danielle TeTai
Tara Tissink
Kelly Turner
Tracy Turner
Mel Wooding
Jenny Haskell
Shannon Ridler

SENIOR MEN

Coach: Blair Onishenko
Devon Kay
John Thomsen
Jason McLean
Dion Bunt
Shane Clark
Craig Lawson
Shane Kemsley
Bevan Varney
Malcolm Bremner
Jason Toovey
Andrew Peddie
Mark Drummond
Andrew McLaughlan
Alex Harvey

MASTERS

Coach: Willy Harvey
Thomas Berryman
Clyde Jackson
George Murray
Blair Onishenko
Jeff Burns
Peter Flanagan
Nick Warburton
Rick Van Doorne
Craig Flood
Leighton Duerre
Stan Greene
Mike Petticlerc
Greg Banks
Bill Dewes
New Zealand Inter Regional Championships 2004

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Congratulations
Lower North
Highest Grade Point Score
2004 Trophy Winners

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DID YOU KNOW?

Next year, 2005 is the 10th Anniversary Year for the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association.

The NZIHA are seeking photos from the “early days” to scan and display at NZ National Championships and to include in a commemorative issue of the National Programme. Can you help? Please send photos to NZIHA, Box 7014, New Plymouth for scanning and they will then be returned to you.

Later in the year we will also be seeking other memorabilia to borrow for display at National Championships in September.

(Below) Emmeline Croft ( #89) Panthers Senior Women takes a dive in the final against Levin Jackals. Panthers won first place with a final game result of 5-0.