

# Underwater Hockey New Zealand

## Quarterly Newsletter – July 2005

### NZ Underwater Hockey Committee

Chairman – *Tristan Reynard*  
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Schools Development Officer – *Vacant*  
Coaching Development Officer – *Vacant*

If you would like to fill any of the vacant positions please email  
Tristan [chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz](mailto:chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz)

### The way forward...

Over the weekend of July 16 and 17 the Executive Board held a meeting in Dunedin to review our current situation and undertake a brainstorming session to enable us to recast the strategic plan. During the meeting we analysed our membership data, reviewed our mission and set some key objectives.

Our mission is to be recognised as a world leader in Underwater Hockey. To this end we started reviewing our strategic plan and setting some objectives. The two areas that we have reviewed thus far are refereeing and communication. Further details of our six objectives are contained in this Newsletter.

One of our communication objectives was this quarterly newsletter. This newsletter has the role of allowing the committee to report on our progress against the objectives, advertising positions and requesting feedback. The committee will also be using this Newsletter to report on your club position. However to do this we need you to become involved in the administration of Underwater Hockey and provide feedback and report on your endeavours. Please send these reports to [secretary@underwaterhockey.org.nz](mailto:secretary@underwaterhockey.org.nz)

It is an opportune time to point out that **we are all volunteers** doing the best for our sport and our organization 'Underwater Hockey New Zealand', the sporting branch of New Zealand Underwater. Underwater Hockey New Zealand is suffering like all organizations from the lack of volunteers and poor feedback. We can only turn this around with your help!

To assist in increasing the communication I invite all clubs to attend the open session at the Underwater Hockey Committee meeting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2005. I have allocated 90 minutes

for clubs to make 10-minute presentations to the committee about issues they are confronted with and possible solutions they would like to see. If you would like to make a presentation please contact me on e-mail [chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz](mailto:chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz).

Some members would have seen some of the work being undertaken by Zoe and Matt in terms of the website and the competition programme for 2006. These dates are now up on the website as well as the membership lists for you to check if you are a financial member. Zoe is also working on the AGM date and the executive will be working on funding at least one member from every club to attend the meeting held in Wellington, during April 2006. The AGM will be a standalone event and will hopefully involve some training seminars to increase our administrative performance.

On the high performance front Anton has been busy submitting the quarterly report to the NZ Sports Drug Agency, reviewing our player and coaches agreements and booking training camps. With the high performance plan taking shape and the sanctioned events confirmed, Underwater Hockey New Zealand is producing a wall planner of events for 2006 with all tournament and significant event dates included. Hopefully this will allow all clubs to plan their events around the national programme.

Finally, I must thank all the previous committee who worked diligently to maintain Underwater Hockey as a viable organization. Your commitment was vital to ensuring UWHNZ continually meet the needs of our members.

Tristan Reynard  
Chairman  
[www.underwaterhockey.org.nz](http://www.underwaterhockey.org.nz)

### UWHNZ Committee Meeting

A committee meeting will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 9am – 3pm in Wellington, at the Brentwood Hotel. This is the day after Club Nationals.

UWHNZ Members are invited to the meeting from 9-10.30am to present or discuss any items with the committee. Please email Tristan [chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz](mailto:chair@underwaterhockey.org.nz) if you would like to attend.

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## Underwater Hockey NZ

**Mission:** *The Recognised World Leader in Underwater Hockey*

### **Objectives:**

1. Become the recognised world leader for referees and referee development
2. Become the recognised world leader for coaches and coaching development.
3. Maintain top 3 placing at world championships
4. Maintain world leader status for junior underwater hockey.
5. Achieve an annual growth rate in membership of to enable NZ to be the recognised world leader in underwater hockey.
6. Become recognised by SPARC as a high performance sport.

### UWHNZ Levies

Adult membership	\$40
Schools membership	\$5

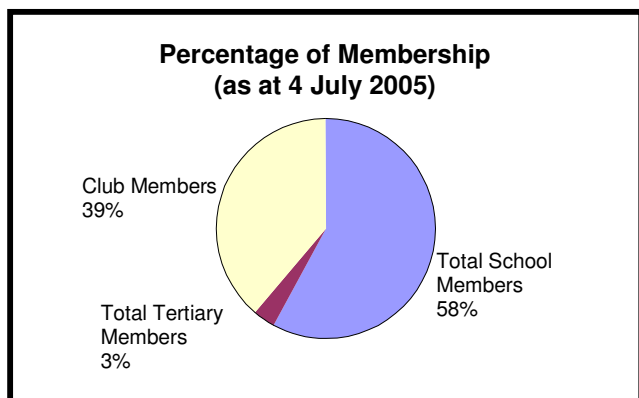
If a schools player plays for a club then they must also pay the adult registration fee in addition to the schools registration fee.

All team entry forms for tournaments will be checked against the UWHNZ Database.

The UWHNZ competition fee for all teams playing tournaments is set at \$50 per team. This is to be included in all competition entry fees. (The fee for the regional schools qualifying events remains at \$100 per team).

### Membership Section on the Website

There is now a new membership section on the website. This lists all the current paid up members of Underwater Hockey NZ. You need to be registered in order to play in any competitions that are being held. Player's names will be checked against this list when team entry forms are received for competitions. To register please fill out the Membership renewal form which is available in the 'Document Downloads' section and give it to your club secretary along with your affiliation fee. Cheques can be made out to 'NZUA Underwater Hockey'. Your club secretary will then post this to Underwater Hockey NZ.



## Refereeing

Level 2 Refs courses will be run at U18's and Regionals. Check out [www.underwaterhockey.org.nz](http://www.underwaterhockey.org.nz) for more details and course application forms.

For a copy of the latest version of the rules check out <http://www.refereesguild.org>

## Tournaments

Team entry forms for all competitions can be found on [www.underwaterhockey.org.nz](http://www.underwaterhockey.org.nz)

All tournaments will be used as selection for initial New Zealand squads.

\* Club nationals 2006 and U18 Inter-zones 2006 will be the critical selection events for Southern Hemisphere Championship 2007.

## 2006 Tournament Dates

27<sup>th</sup> May – South Island Champs – Invercargill  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June - North Islands – Rotorua  
 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June- Schools Qualifying – Auck/ Well/ Ch-Ch  
 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July – Regionals – Christchurch  
 13<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August – World Champs – UK  
 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August - Schools Nationals – Rotorua  
 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September – Club Nationals – Chch \*  
 7-8<sup>th</sup> October – U18's – Rotorua \*

## Worlds 2006

The 2006 World Championships are going to be held in Sheffield, England in August 2006. If you know of anyone who could help through means of sponsorship please email [highperformance@underwaterhockey.org.nz](mailto:highperformance@underwaterhockey.org.nz)

The following people have been selected as the New Zealand Team coaches for Worlds 2006.

NZ Men's Team – Andrew Carr  
 NZ U19 Men's Team – Tristan Reynard  
 NZ U19 Women's Team – Kenrick Knowlson  
 NZ Masters Men's Team – Ray Dolman

All Coaches are appointed up until the team reports and financial statements are received by UWHNZ at the end of Worlds 2006.

Check out <http://www.uhworlids2006.net/> for more information about the 2006 Underwater Hockey World Championships.

## Dunedin 4-asides UWH Tourney

Dunedin Club held its annual 4-aside tourney on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The tournament was a great success with players traveling from Invercargill, Christchurch and Wellington. All players were mixed up into computer generated teams across 2 grades, and a couple of fun age group teams were created to pit the old against the young.

Everyone had a great day of underwater hockey and left the pool with armfuls of prizes. The Masquerade Ball was great fun on Saturday night with everyone getting into the dress up theme. Thanks to all the organizers for their hard work in making the tournament a huge success.

## NZ Academy

The NZ Academy is part of the talent identification programme set up to prepare and mentor players for the step up to elite team trials and competitions.

Congratulations to the following players who have been accepted into the academy for 2005/2006.

## Academy Members as at 27 July 2005

Zone	Club	First	Surname
Northern	Auckland	Ben	Foreman
Northern	Auckland	Kyle	Hattie
Northern	Auckland	Kerian	Hattie
Northern	Auckland	Callum	Johnston
Northern	Auckland	Thomas	McGarry
Northern	Auckland	Tim	Seale
Northern	Pakuranga	Nicholas	Lowther
Northern	Pakuranga	Andreas	Marwick
Northern	Pakuranga	Matthew	Pearson
Northern	Pakuranga	Michael	Sables
Mid North	Tauranga	Andrew	Barlow
Mid North	Tauranga	Alistair	Hudson
Mid North	Tauranga	Max	Lynam
Central	Crocodylus	Daniel	Kelly
Central	Crocodylus	Guy	MacDiarmid
Central	Crocodylus	Sam	Reese
Central	Crocodylus	Oliver	Van Rooyan
Central	Going Postal	James	Kusel
Central	Going Postal	Tom	May
Central	Going Postal	Sam	Sherring
Central	Phoenix	Andre	Heller
Central	Phoenix	Jesse	Hocking
Central	Phoenix	James	Lines
Central	Phoenix	Mitchell	Reid
Central	Phoenix	Tim	Robinson
Central	Phoenix	Henry	Stephens
Central	Phoenix	Will	Tomkins
Central	Phoenix	Marcus	Walker
Mid South	Pegasus	Jeremy	Webster
Southern	Dunedin	Dane	Meek
Southern	Southland	Willy	Bowman
Southern	Southland	Matthew	Faul
Southern	Southland	Birney	Lindsay
Southern	Southland	Andrew	Owen
Southern	Southland	Michael	Waterhouse

